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Editorial

The Editors wish first of all to apologise for the fact that there was no issue of "THE SKYLARK" during the Autumn Term. This was due to the necessity for economy in the costs of publication in any one year, and to the consequent need for stream-lining future productions.

As a result our readers will observe that certain changes in make-up have taken place. The Old Boys' Notes have, by way of experiment, been detached from the main body of the magazine and issued as a supplement. Since this section has always had to be issued independently for the benefit of Old Boys who do not take the magazine as a whole, it is hoped to save both time and money by one single printing of this section.

Reports on School activities have, where possible, been shortened and more space has been allowed for literary contributions, whilst cutting down the total length of the magazine. On the other hand no attempt has been made to economise on illustrations since these do so much to enliven the text and add to the enjoyment of the magazine. The Editors would, in fact, welcome more good line drawings and suggestions for vignettes. We are indebted to A. G. Richardson for those published in this issue.

There has also been an effort to reduce the burden placed on members of the School Staff in charge of various activities who have

in the past made their own reports on such activities. In this issue most of the reports have come from responsible Senior boys.

We hope our readers approve the changes that have been made and will help the editors to improve still further the context and appearance of "THE SKYLARK" by sending in concise and well-written reports, literary material, drawings and photographs in good time for our next issue which will appear about the middle of the Autumn Term. In future the magazine will be published in March and October.

De Omnibus Rebus

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we were pleased to welcome back Mr. K. M. Beynon from his year in the U.S.A., and Mr. W. F. Barling from his summer course in France.

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At the same time we warmly welcomed the following newcomers to the Staff: Mr. P. C. Delight, Mr. B. Goater, B.Sc., and Mr. V. I. Todhunter, M.A.(Oxon).

Mr. Delight who assists with P.T. and Games, is a well-known Rugby player who has figured regularly in the victorious Middlesex County team and played in an England trial.

Mr. Goater has joined the Science Staff to teach Biology.

Mr. Todhunter teaches Mathematics and was formerly a member of the resident staff of Dartmouth Naval College.

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The end of the Autumn Term saw the departure of Mr. E. G. Lock, Senior History Master since 1948, who has gone to a similar post at a School near Southampton, in his native county of Hampshire. Mr. Lock gave distinguished service to the School and his pupils gained several open scholarships in recent years at both Oxford and Cambridge. The History Room, through his inspiration, became one of the show places on Commendation Day and the quality and variety of the work displayed was remarkable. Members of the School paid tribute to Mr. Lock's work amongst them when presentations were made to him on behalf of both boys and staff prior to his departure. We all wish him well in his new sphere of activity.

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The new head of the history department is Mr. R. D. Baynes, M.A. (Camb.) who took up his appointment at the beginning of the Spring Term after many years' distinguished service at Denstone College, a Public School in the Midlands. He has already settled down happily among us and we wish him every success in the future.

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We welcome to the Staff Room this term as student masters: Mr. Kendrick of London University, Mr. Rudrum of Cambridge University and Herr Kempe from Bremen, Germany.

Congratulations to J. C. Lord and M. Lipton on gaining *Domus Scholarships* at Balliol College, Oxford, and to M. J. Long on gaining a *Royal Scholarship* at the Imperial College of Science, London; to E. J. O'Brien, C. A. Lang, D. A. Brown, G. F. W. Smith, P. E. Secker and H. M. L. Rosenstock on the award of *State Scholarships*; to E. R. Bastin, P. Beales, A. Beck, M. A. Bennett, G. B. Binding, D. A. Brown, J. T Farrand, F. L. Gardner, A. Hall, R. E. Jefford, E. O. McInnes, W. D. M. Oeters, A. J. Pangalos, C. B. Perkins, H. Rosenstock, M. Sarner, P. E. Secker, G. F. W. Smith, P. F. Spencer, L. D. Supran on the receipt of *Governors Leaving Awards* for 1954; to R. J. Pannell and K. S. H. Allwright on the award of a *Cadetship* at the R.M.A. (Sandhurst); and to M. C. Ginn (1946-53) on the award of a *Cadetship* at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell.

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Congratulations to the following on their appointments: N. A. Fuller as *Captain of the School* and *Captain of Rugby Football*, R. S. Handscombe as *Captain of Athletics*, B. L. Waldman as *Captain of Basket Ball*, D. H. Pardey as *Captain of Cross Country*, R. B. Lyle as *Captain of Tennis*.

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The following Sixth Formers have been granted *Privileges*: S. B. Aust, D. G. Bancroft, D. E. Bartlett, L. G. Beddison, C. M. Bishop, M. E. Brown, A. J. Bowen, H. J. Clifford, B. S. Davies, M. G. Dichlian, A. H. Gardner, J. K. Gaunt, M. Heppner, C. J. Hingley, E. D. Humphrey, M. C. James, D. Kealey, P. D. Lewis, M. Lipton, M. J. Long, R. B. Lyle, R. G. Mann, K. A. McLaren, J. S. Mercer, A. S. Mushin, P. M. Oppenheimer, N. A. Parker, A. G. Richardson, M. C. Ryan, E. A. Stacey, B. L. Waldman, J. G. Wesson, G. T. Wheal, A. B. White.

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The following have been appointed additional assistant editors of "THE SKYLARK": C. M. Bishop, C. A. Lang, M. Heppner, and M. F. Neale.

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In September Cycling Proficiency Tests were carried out at the School by the Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents and all candidates passed.

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On Thursday, October 14th, a group of students from Stuttgart presented a German version of the play "Everyman" in the School Hall. It was very well received and much appreciated by a large audience of fifth and sixth formers, including invited representatives from other schools.

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Members of the Economics Sixth acted as Stewards at the C.E.W.C. Conference on West Africa held in St. Pancras Town Hall in November.

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Members of the S.S.U. attended a meeting arranged by the Hansard Society in the Royal Festival Hall on Friday, November

19th. They listened to a distinguished Brains Trust, presided over by Cdr. Sir Stephen King-Hall on the subject of "Parliament". The members of the Brains Trust were Sir David Eccles, Sir Robert Boothby, Mr. Herbert Morrison and Mr. H. T. N. Gaitskell.

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On December 7th the School Music Staff under the direction of Dr. McLellan gave a delightful concert in the School Hall in order to provide funds to subsidise the orchestra for the Operatic Society's Spring production of "The Yeoman of the Guard". About £60 was raised.

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Mr. G. S. Campbell represented the School at the Annual General Meeting of the Franco-British Society in the Jerusalem Chamber of the House of Lords on December 10th. In a "maiden speech" he contributed to a discussion on the teaching of French in schools.

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The School's Annual Carol Service and Festival of Nine Lessons took place in St. Martin-in-the-Fields on December 16th, 1954. The occasion was notable not only for the greatly increased strength of the choir but also for the excellent recording taken of the service.

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The Sixth Form Christmas Dance was held in the School Hall on Saturday, December 18th. The Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, and members of the Staff and their wives were welcome guests.

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Members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms represented the School at the C.E.W.C. Christmas Holiday Lectures on "South America" in the Central Hall, Westminster, and rendered valuable service as stewards, projectionists and discussion group leaders.

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A combined Haberdashers' Schools Service, for schools of the Robert Aske Foundation, was held in St. Paul's Cathedral on February 4th. Dr. E. McLellan conducted a large mixed choir from the four schools, the lessons were read by the Chairmen of the Schools, and the sermon was preached by the Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Reverend W. R. Matthews, K.C.V.O., D.D. The Service was attended by the Master and Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company, as well as by the Staff and pupils and many parents of the Schools. It was a memorable occasion, and an excellent recording was made of the service despite the difficulties of the acoustics of the Cathedral. The organist was W. N. Gabb, Esq., organist of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal. The Collection for St. Paul's Restoration Fund amounted to £79. 6s. 10d.

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Members of the second year Economics Sixth visited Willesden Magistrates' Court on Saturday, February 26th, at the kind invitation of Mr. W. H. Crossman, J.P., who was himself sitting on the Bench. An interesting series of cases was observed and afterwards Mr. Crossman showed the party round the Court's premises.

The School Entrance Examination for 1955 took place on March 4th and more than 500 boys from various Preparatory and Primary Schools competed for approximately 100 vacancies.

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The Junior Inter-House Cross Country race was run off on Tuesday, March 8th, and the Senior Race took place the following day. The Littlefield Cup was won by Strouts.

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Members of the Economics Sixth attended a lecture on "Problems of South Africa" by Professor Manning of the London School of Economics, at the invitation of the North London Collegiate School on March 24th. It was given under the auspices of the N.W. London Inter-Schools Group of C.E.W.C.

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A further party was present at the "World Youth Forum", organised by the C.E.W.C. and *Sunday Observer* in the Royal Festival Hall on March 31st.

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The School Operatic Society under the direction of Dr. E. McLellan, assisted by Mr. J. White as producer, presented the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Yeomen of the Guard" in the School Hall on March 29th, 30th and 31st.

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The Upper School Athletics Finals are due to be held at Chase Lodge on April 2nd.

Coming Events

Holy Communion will be celebrated by the Bishop of Willesden in the School Hall on the last morning of term, April 6th.

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The Public Schools Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament will be held in the Old Deer Park, Richmond, from April 5th to 7th.

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A Concert will be given in the School Hall on May 17th at 7.30 p.m.

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The School Choir will visit St. Alban's Abbey on Thursday, June 9th, to take part in the festival service, organised by the Royal School of Church Music for the benefit of Public School Choirs.

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The School Swimming Gala will be held at the Seymour Hall Baths, W.1, on Friday, June 17th.

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G.C.E. Examinations begin at Advanced and Scholarship Levels on June 20th and at Ordinary Level on July 7th.

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Old Haberdashers' Day will be celebrated with the usual Cricket and Tennis Matches at Chase Lodge on July 9th.

The Old Haberdashers' Party for School leavers has been arranged for Friday, July 15th, at 5 p.m.

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Commendation Day will be celebrated at the School on Friday, July 22nd, when Dr. H. H. Swinnerton, Emeritus Professor of Geology in the University of Nottingham, will present the prizes.

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The Lower School Athletic Sports will take place at Chase Lodge on Saturday, July 23rd, commencing at 2 p.m.

The usual Sixth Form Summer Dance will be held at the School in the evening.

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Public Schools Tennis Week at Wimbledon, with tournaments for the Youll Cup and "Under 16" trophy, will begin on July 25th. The School will be represented in both events.

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During the Summer holidays a School party, in the care of Mr. Cooper, will visit Jugoslavia and stay at Split on the Dalmatian coast.

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The *Summer Term* will begin on May 4th and end on July 25th. The half-term holiday will be on Whit-Monday, May 30th.

The *Autumn Term* will commence on September 21st and end on December 16th. The half-term holiday will be on November 7th.

Some Howlers from Entrance Examination Papers

STRIDES IN TECHNOLOGY

Suddenly they saw a motor boat striding towards them.

PALM COURT

I went to play in the dinning room for five minuets.

A COLLECTOR'S ANGUISH

After getting to the new house the unloading begins and acashonly a worddrob has to be cut in half and that displease dad very much.

PRODIGY

One of the books I have very much enjoyed was called *Shakespeare's Complete Works*.

AN INTERESTING MATCH

Ten minutes after (we) had been sitting there out came Hendon and there was a tremendous cheer. After about five minutes play out came Finchley and there was also a tremendous cheer.

AN UNINTERESTING MATCH

. . . the whistle went for full time, so we all went home and had a very nice time.

SCHOOL PREFECTS 1953—54.



Standing: N. A. FURBER, P. E. SPENCER, A. J. PANGLOSS, J. T. FARRAND, J. M. KEILLIE,
Sitting: L. D. SUPRAN, W. D. M. OULERS *Captain of the School*, THE HEADMASTER, H. E. GORCH, *Vice-Captain* C. B. PERKINS.

Photo by Westwood & Nokes, Kingsbury.

COMMENDATION DAY, 1954



THE MASTER OF THE COMPANY INSPECTS THE GUARD OF HONOUR



DR. ERIC JAMES GIVING HIS ADDRESS

Photos by K. Flatto.

Commendation Day, 1954

Despite the threat of rain, it was decided to hold Commendation Day celebrations out in the open, behind the Science Building, and at 3 o'clock on Friday, July 23rd, the special Guard of Honour of the C.C.F., under Lieutenant R. L. F. Sexton, was inspected by the Master of the Haberdashers' Company who congratulated them on their smart turn-out.

After prayers, conducted by the School Chaplain, the Rev. H. E. Farrington, the Chairman of the Governors, Colonel P. C. Bull, D.S.O., called upon the Headmaster to present his report. Dr. Taylor welcomed the principal guest, Dr. Eric James, M.A., B.Sc., D.Phil., High Master of Manchester Grammar School and Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, the Governors, representatives of the Borough of Hampstead, and other friends of the School. The Headmaster pointed out that it was the year 1952-53 that was being celebrated, and that the main facts regarding the achievements of the School were to be found in "THE SKYLARK". He outlined briefly the successes of what he thought was a record year; ten Open Scholarships and Exhibitions to the Universities and five State Scholarships had been gained, together with twelve Governors' Leaving Awards and an R.A.F. Cadetship. He announced that 222 boys had sat for the G.C.E. and had gained 923 passes, which he believed was a record for the School.

Dr. Taylor then turned to the School Staff and said that he hoped our "Gift from God," Mr. Theodore Ricci, who spent a year at Westbere Road as part of an exchange of teachers between Britain and the U.S.A., had enjoyed himself as much as we had enjoyed having him. He also mentioned that Mr. K. M. Beynon had received a wonderful welcome in the United States. The Headmaster said he was sorry to lose three members of the Staff, Mr. V. C. Osborn, Mr. R. G. Pawsey and Mr. H. Lear. He also announced with regret that Mr. E. G. Lock, Head of the History Department, would be leaving us in December, and he paid tribute to all he had done. He wished all four masters godspeed in their new posts. Dr. Taylor then thanked the rest of the Staff for their patient and devoted service to the School. He said that he was indebted to the Governors for all they had done for the School and for the interest they took in it, which resulted in increasingly close links between the School and the Company. The School appreciated these links, the Headmaster continued, and felt associated with the work of the Company, and thanked it for the opportunity to follow its motto "Serve and Obey".

Colonel Bull, the Chairman, said that he was delighted to come and see the School and congratulated it on its record. He remarked that it was growing stronger each year, and that the time was coming when the provision of larger accommodation would have to be considered. He congratulated the School on its scholastic record, and also on being the champion "Safety Cyclists" of England. He stated that it gave the Governors great pleasure to

see the links between the School and the Company growing stronger year by year, and to see the School taking its place in the ceremonies of the Company and meeting members of the other Haberdashers' schools.

The Chairman then welcomed Dr. James and said that the School would try to rival Manchester Grammar School's record of achievement, and he called upon Dr. James to present the prizes and to say a few words.

After having presented the prizes, Dr. James said how pleased he was to come to the School and he remarked that the air of London did not appear to be dissimilar to that of Manchester. He admitted that, although he had attended many Speech Days, he could not remember anything said on those occasions. He added that he was faced with the great difficulty of having to address an audience with a wide age range, and had decided to talk mainly to the Senior boys.

The function of a School like this is twofold, he said—firstly, to produce the doctors, solicitors, scientists and businessmen of the future, and, secondly, to produce good men of their kind. He said that, although he admired the new kinds of schools, it was schools like ours which would have to produce the skilled men and leaders for the next decade or so. He referred to Aristotle, who said that the object of education was to learn a right judgment, and Dr. James said that only with a right judgment would we prosper. Science was giving us new opportunities and was forcing more difficult decisions upon us. He then quoted an example of this widening choice ; in the past one had turned to books for entertainment, but now science had given us radio, the cinema and television. The choice, he said, was difficult and it was an effort to turn to books for entertainment ; but, however difficult the choice, it was up to us, the leaders of tomorrow, to make use of our education and to make the right choice. If we had a greater choice to make than our fathers, we had also the benefit of an education, which fitted us for that choice. Dr. James continued that this was the " Age of the Common Man ", and he welcomed it, but he also pointed out that leaders were still vital to the survival of our society, and that it was up to these leaders to avoid mass thought. As the leaders of tomorrow, the decision was in our hands.

Dr. James then addressed his remarks to the parents present. He told them that it was no use a school like this trying to put across the ideas for which it stood if the atmosphere in the boys' homes did not have the same end. Only if the home and the school pulled together would there be success. Dr. James concluded by saying that although almost every Speech Day orator said that the future of the nation, if not the world, rests on our shoulders, it was nevertheless true, and that we must be prepared to accept responsibility for our country in the future.

The Chairman of the Governors then called upon the School Captain, W. D. M. Oeters, to propose the vote of thanks to Dr.

James. Oeters remarked that this was by tradition the School Captain's crowning glory. He expressed his thanks to Dr. James for coming and talking to the School and he hoped that the advice given would be followed.

The 2,000 people present then dispersed to view the Exhibition of School work and activities, and to enjoy the excellent tea provided by Miss Savill and her staff. The exhibits and displays covered a wide range of activities and most of the guests, parents and boys found much of interest in their tour of the School.

M. H.

PRIZE LIST, 1952-53

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

<i>Form Prizes:</i>	Davison, A. J., Kanaber, L. S., Pope, M. E., Day, M. J. L., Rees, G. E., Brasier, P. J., Vaughan, M. G.
<i>Handwriting:</i>	Mitchenere, P.
<i>Reading:</i>	Bowen, M. J., Williams, J. H.
<i>Head Boy:</i>	Ewer, M. G.

LOWER SCHOOL

<i>Art:</i>	Garrod, D. I., Kustow, M. D., Keen, I. D.
<i>Classics:</i>	Gray, C. C., Mitchell, P. W.
<i>English:</i>	Beckman, B. C., Sekulin, R. L., Trevelyan, M. R., Kustow, M. D., Brittan, L.
<i>Geography:</i>	Taylor, T. M., Bradford, C. W., Pringle, R. B.
<i>Handicrafts:</i>	Kustow, M. D., Hart, L. W., Lyden, C. J., Dorman, A. P., Charlesworth, G. M., Restrict, D. J., Woodford, A. A. G.
<i>Handwriting:</i>	Henry, J. M.
<i>History:</i>	Parker, D. S. R., Ridgley, D. E., Brittan, L.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	Sekulin, R. L., Rose, J. H., Dombey, N. D.
<i>Modern Languages:</i>	Bradford, C. W., Brittan, L., Hitchcock, M. J.
<i>Music:</i>	Scofield, I. D., Darby, J. A., Gilby, D. P.
<i>Science:</i>	Sekulin, R. L., Hitchcock, M. J., Dombey, N. D.
<i>Lower School Captain:</i>	Scofield, I. D.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

<i>Art:</i>	Pearce, D. R., Cedar, N., Jefferies, P. O.
<i>Classics:</i>	Lewis, P. D., Oppenheimer, P. M.
<i>English:</i>	White, M. S., Lewis, P. D., Rose, S. P. R., Curtis, D. W., Lipton, M.
<i>Geography:</i>	Farrand, R. J., FitzGerald, B. P., Bowen, A. J.
<i>Handicrafts:</i>	Beach, I. G., Taylor, D. W.
<i>History:</i>	Farrand, R. J., Hoare, J. M., Curtis, D. W.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	Lewis, P. D., Parker, N. A., Curtis, D. W.
<i>Modern Languages:</i>	Lewis, P. D., Solomons, A. C., Barnfather, C. L., Fox, J. D., Lipton, M., Oppenheimer, P. M.
<i>Music:</i>	Lewis, P. D.
<i>Science:</i>	Lewis, P. D., Davies, J. B., James, M. L., Long, M. J.

UPPER SCHOOL

<i>Art:</i>	Attenborough, R. A. S.
<i>Economics:</i>	Beck, A., Gardner, F. L.
<i>English:</i>	Beck, A., Howell, R., Binding, B. G., Jefford, R. E.
<i>History:</i>	Beck, A., Jefford, R. E.
<i>Mathematics:</i>	Sen Gupta, B. K.
<i>Music:</i>	Sarner, M., O'Brien, E. J., Routley, J. H.
<i>Science:</i>	Smith, G. F. W., O'Brien, E. J., Brown, D. A., Bennett, M. A., Supran, L. D.

SPECIAL PRIZES, 1953

Haswell Charteris

<i>Black Memorial:</i>	Newton, A. M., Butler G. A.
<i>R. J. Spiers:</i>	Cedar, N. (Handwriting)
<i>McPhaile:</i>	Newton, A. M. (House Prize)
<i>Millard-Newton:</i>	Newton, J. M. (English)
<i>Lord Memorial:</i>	Turner, C. W. (Mathematics)
<i>Abson Memorial:</i>	Beales, P. J. (Modern Languages)
<i>Stokes Memorial:</i>	Jarman, P. D. (Science)
<i>Kemp Memorial:</i>	Silvey, G. H. (Vice-Captain)
<i>Hinton Memorial:</i>	Maconachie, D. J. (School Capt.)

SCHOLARSHIPS, 1953-54

B. F. Hunter	.....	Chemistry Exhibition, Jesus College, Oxford
		Chemistry Scholarship, Imperial College of Science
M. J. Keen	....	Science Scholarship, Imperial College of Science
M. A. Bennett	.....	Chemistry Scholarship, Imperial College of Science
		State Scholarship
B. G. Binding	.....	English Exhibition, Downing College, Cambridge
		State Scholarship
R. E. Jefford	.....	English Scholarship, Downing College, Cambridge
		State Scholarship
P. J. Beales	.....	Modern Languages Exhibition, Trinity College, Cambridge
A. Beck	.....	History Exhibition, Gonville and Gaius College, Cambridge
H. J. Cohn	.....	History Scholarship, University College, Oxford
A. Hall	.....	Mathematics Exhibition, Queen's College, Oxford
P. D. Jarman	.....	State Scholarship, Imperial College of Science
L. D. Supran	.....	State Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge
M. C. Ginn	.....	R.A.F. Cadetship, Cranwell

GOVERNORS' LEAVING AWARDS, 1953

J. M. Bancroft	A. M. Newton	J. W. Rotheroe
B. F. Hunter	J. M. Newton	H. G. Silvey
P. D. Jarman	M. O. Newton	K. F. Trott
M. J. Keen	J. N. Pollock	C. W. Turner

HOUSE TROPHIES, 1953

LOWER SCHOOL

Athletics	.....	Russells
Boxing	.....	Meadows
Chess	.....	Hendersons
Work and Conduct	.....	Russells

UPPER SCHOOL

Athletics (Hinton Shield)	.....	Joblings
Boxing (Harper Shield)	.....	Calverts
Chess (Batty Cup)	.....	Hendersons
Cricket (Freeman Shield)	.....	Russells
Cross Country (Littlefield Cup)	.....	Calverts
Rowing	.....	Strouts
Rugby Football (Hayles Shield)	.....	Joblings
Swimming (Gregory Shield)	.....	Calverts
" (Thomas Arno Replica)	.....	Attenborough, R.A.S.
Games (Crossman Shield)	.....	Calverts
Work and Conduct Shield		Joblings

UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL

Work and Sports (Dunton Shield)		Russells
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The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers

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There still remains some doubt about the origin of the word "Haberdasher". The most generally accepted derivation suggests that the word comes from the French "Hapertaserie" which in its turn came from a material called "Hapertas". Whatever its origin the Company secured its first charter in 1448, having been in control of its own affairs for some 70 years before that date—Chaucer in 1386 mentions the haberdasher. The powers which "the Fraternity of the Art of Mystery of Haberdashers in the City of London" exercised were in some respects greater than those of many other companies at that time, as they not only controlled their own trade and had the right of survey and search of their own members and at markets but these powers were extended to the search of private property—an unusually far-reaching authority.

There were many small articles, not being jewellery, for the adornment of clothing which came in their control, from caps and their trimmings down to the small but extremely useful pin. The list of items covered by the petty merchandise and small wares is wide, ranging from thread tapes and ribbons to such unlikely articles as books, pictures; daggers, swords and girdles; whilst some authorities aver that mousetraps and birdcages, lanthorns and Jews Trumpets were included. It seems probable though that such were sidelines merely obtainable from a haberdasher rather than part of their normal stock in trade, which would also include brooches, buttons, gloves and agglets (needles).

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The motto of the Haberdashers' Company is "serve and obey" and at least they took every measure to ensure that the apprentices should be corrected for any "ill-usage, stubborn, lewd or disobedient behaviour". Whether business life to-day would be any simpler if these powers still remained (and were used) is a matter open to doubt particularly among the younger section of the community, but it is a fact that an apprentice brought up in such conditions learned to safeguard all the privileges which subsequent membership of the Company brought him. It is to that pride of membership and all that it means in the production of goods of high standard that British commerce owes much of its reputation. The pride of the apprentice of the Company showed itself not only in the gift of silver and plate and property during the life-time of the donor but even more so in extensive bequests to educational foundations to ensure advantages to future generations. Today the Haberdashers' Company, though no longer in control of trade, devotes its energies to the management of the one hundred or so charities which have been established by the past members.

Many of these charities were scholastic and one of the principal founders was Robert Aske. At about the time when Edward Lloyd was opening his Coffee House, the Haberdashers' Company with

the money left to them by Aske established a hospital and a grammar school in Hoxton, only a mile from the city boundary but then a separate village. From the provision he then made are now maintained five schools, two for girls and three for boys where over 2,000 pupils are now educated.

Seventy years earlier a William Jones, a Haberdasher of London and Hamburg, had established an important charity in his home town of Monmouth and from the careful investment of the money he gave to the Company, considerable assistance is given to two schools in Monmouth and one at Pontypool, whilst leaving a substantial revenue which accrues in these days to the Monmouth County Council for educational purposes.

William Adams, in his turn, founded a grammar school at Newport, Shropshire, and Thomas Aldersey another at Bunbury in Cheshire. These and other similar charities provide for the education of over 3,000 children and in addition there are a number of exhibitions and scholarships which the Company provides for University and other further education.

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There were, of course, the customary charities connected with the almshouses of which there were several not only in London but in Monmouth and Newland. These were maintained from the income from the gifts of land and property such as "Certain houses in Lombard Street" and "certain houses in the parish of St. Mary Outwich," in addition to "a Manor in Essex, called Pitley," houses in Tower Street and Mincing Lane and others in Holborn, Poultry and Catharine Wheel Alley.

Almshouses were supported by pensions drawn from the funds given for that purpose and these pensions might be awarded to Liverymen, Freemen, Freemen's widows and even "six single men and six hatters." There appears to have been a restriction that Liverymen and Widows must not be under 40 nor the Freemen under 50 years of age. Added to pensions there were annuities paid out of the Company's funds to Beadles and Porters and their widows.

Other gifts took the form of clothing. One, called Hobby, left his money to the Clothworkers Company to provide clothing for 30 persons of whom 12 must be Haberdashers. His gift took the form of "a complete dress to six poor men and six poor widows of the Company." His example was followed by other Liverymen, each selecting a particular class of the community which he thought most merited assistance.

Few of these charities exist in exactly their original form as the need for one or other particular form of assistance has declined or disappeared altogether. The Company has, however, been most careful to adapt their trusts to the changing conditions through the centuries.

In company with other Liveries, the Haberdashers lost their Hall during the war; they have been very active to secure its

replacement and in November, 1954 were able to have the Foundation Stone laid by the Lord Mayor at the site of their earlier Hall in Staining Lane, Gresham Street.

The Haberdashers maintain their age-old customs. The Masters and Wardens are elected annually on the Saturday nearest the feast of St. Catherine—their patron saint. On the following Tuesday there is an unusual ceremony of “Publishing” the new Master and Wardens to the Livery, at which the new officers are crowned with “garlands” on which are medallions dating back to the early sixteenth century.

School Charity, 1954

£	s.	d.	
42	2	10	St Martin's Christmas Fund (Carol Service 1953).
20	0	0	St. Paul's Restoration Fund.
10	7	4	British Legion Haig's Fund (Poppies).
10	0	0	British Red Cross Society.
10	0	0	Dr. Schweitzer's Hospital Fund.
10	0	0	Royal National Life-Boat Institution.
5	0	0	Dr. Barnardo's Homes.
5	0	0	St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill.
5	0	0	Royal Free Hospital.
5	0	0	Royal Cancer Hospital.
5	0	0	Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street.
5	0	0	National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.
5	0	0	National Spastics Association.
5	0	0	Infantile Paralysis Fellowship.
5	0	0	British Empire Leprosy Relief Association.
5	0	0	Royal London Society for the Blind.
5	0	0	The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.
5	0	0	Church of England Children's Society.
5	0	0	N.S.P.C.C.
5	0	0	The Jewish Board of Guardians.
5	0	0	London Council of Social Service.
5	0	0	Groom's Crippleage.
5	0	0	British Pestalozzi Child Village Association.
5	0	0	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.
5	0	0	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
5	0	0	National Society for Cancer Relief.
5	0	0	United Nations Association (UNICEF).
5	0	0	National Children's Homes.
5	0	0	Inter-church Aid and Refugee Service.
5	0	0	National Playing Fields Association.
5	0	0	National Playgrounds Association.
5	0	0	Evening News Toys for Children Fund.
5	0	0	Association of Parents of Backward Children.
4	11	7	Alexandra Day Collection.

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Lower School Notes

LOWER SCHOOL OFFICERS 1954-55

Captain: P. MITCHENERE

Vice-Captain: J. COOMBES

Recorder: J. C. BILLINGHAM

Junior House Captains:

Calverts:	P. MITCHENERE	Meadows:	D. J. COOKE
Hendersons:	M. G. EWER	Russells:	J. COOMBES
Joblings:	G. H. N. EVANS	Strouts:	D. J. JAMES

The last issue of "THE SKYLARK" took us to June, 1954. The rare spectacle of a partial eclipse of the sun, at mid-day on June 30th, found many of the Lower School lying on their backs on the field, peering up at the sun through photographic negatives. The Junior XI won their matches against Alleyn's (A), and Christ's College (H) and (A); drew against Colet Court (H), and Quainton Hall (H), and lost to Colet Court (A). Their captain (M. C. Fairley) and vice-captain (T. R. Treadwell) received valuable support in their efforts from J. A. Churchland, B. R. Constable, J. Coombes, D. J. English, J. D. Harris, B. Pascoe and E. Shuttleworth. A keenly contested match between the Preparatory School and the first-year Ex-Prep. resulted in a victory for the latter. The following are to be congratulated on winning their events in the Swimming Gala at the Seymour Hall Baths: S. Barratt, J. C. Billingham, R. S. Deakin, B. G. Evans, B. J. R. Handscombe, A. Leil, S. Selby, G. E. F. Strange. We were lucky to have fine weather for the L.S. Athletic Sports, in which Hendersons won the shield, Russells being close behind. The Junior Champion was B. G. Evans (C), with G. E. F. Strange (H) as runner-up. Those who took part in the L.S. Plays in the open-air theatre on Commendation Day deserve special mention; as also does D. Ridge for his efforts in connexion with the natural history exhibits. The L.S. Charity total for the term was £20. 4s. 6d.; 3s. (collector: M. J. Read) being first with £5; and 2s (D. J. Cooke) second with £4. 4s. 2d. In the tennis tournament J. Robson won the singles, from K. R. Barker, while in the doubles J. K. Babey and K. R. Barker beat M. C. Fairley and J. W. Holland. Russells won the Work and Conduct Shield, with Strouts a very close second. During the summer holiday, roughly one-half of the party of forty which went to Switzerland were members of the Lower School.

We began the Autumn Term with a more homogeneous Lower School: four first-year and four second-year forms. P. Mitchenere was appointed captain, and J. Coombes vice-captain. Weather allowed a fairly full measure of Rugby, with some cross-country. The Under-13 XV, led by M. G. Ewer, won its matches against Emanuel and Dulwich College Preparatory School, and lost to St. Benedict's. Good times in cross-country were made by R. M. Simons, M. A. Smith, P. Mitchenere, G. E. Rees, T. L. Evans, N. G. Allen, L. Chin, P. G. Boseley and M. Winney.

A new society—the Aircraft Enthusiasts' Club—was begun during the term, and a report of its activities appears below. In

the Stamp and Coin Collecting Society, lectures were given by the secretary, M. A. Hollington, and by D. J. Heasman, B. A. Howell, H. C. Medcalf and I. H. Pritchard. Hollington represented the Lower School as a reader at the Carol Service at St. Martin's.

The Autumn Term House competition resulted in Russells retaining first place, with Calverts second and Joblings third. In L.S. Charity the term total reached £31. 4s. 4d.,; with 3s. in the lead with £10. 2s. 4d. and 2s. second with £6. 6s. 6d. In this connexion R. S. Deakin, the 3s collector, deserves special mention for raising—on his own initiative—£2.10s. for School Charity by collecting and selling bulrushes in the summer holiday and by singing carols at Christmas.

Our first event in Spring Term was the New Year tea and film show, at which we were happy to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Taylor, and representatives of the Staff, Preparatory School, and Prefects. Following the enthusiastic junior boxing classes which had met regularly since October, the boxing finals, held early in spring, resulted in a tie for first place between Calverts and Strouts, with Hendersons next. Junior Boxing Colours were awarded to G. H. N. Evans and P. Mitchenere. Snow has interfered seriously with games this term. At the time of writing it covers the whole country.

J. F. C.

LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION

1953-54

	C	H	J	M	R	S
Autumn	15.1	20.4	14.5	16.5	22.0	18.3
Spring	15.1	16.4	8.0	15.0	20.8	16.7
Summer	23.4	24.6	20.9	23.5	25.4	25.3
	53.6	61.4	43.4	55.0	68.2	60.3

FINAL ORDER

1. RUSSELLS	2. HENDERSONS	3. STROUTS
4. MEADOWS	5. CALVERTS	6. JOBLINGS

1954-55

	C	H	J	M	R	S
MINUS POINTS						
Detentions	42	42	31	27	51	39
Lates	19	10	11	8	11	17
	61	52	42	35	62	56
PLUS POINTS						
Work	880	790	820	850	920	760
Duties, etc.	80	50	117	71	61	100
	960	840	937	921	981	860
Total Plus	960	840	937	921	981	860
Less Minus	61	52	42	35	62	56
	899	788	895	886	919	804
NETT POINTS	899	788	895	886	919	804
No. in House	41	41	41	41	41	41
POINTS PER HEAD	21.9	19.2	21.8	21.6	22.4	19.6
	2nd	6th	3th	4th	1st	5th

HOUSE ORDER, DECEMBER 1954

1. RUSSELLS	2. CALVERTS	3. JOBLINGS
4. MEADOWS	5. STROUTS	6. HENDERSONS

LOWER SCHOOL ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

ATHLETIC SPORTS				SUMMER 1954		
		C	H	J	M	R S
POINTS	.....	84½	116	67	51	91½ 82
ORDER	.....	3	1	5	6	2 4
BOXING				SPRING 1955		
		C	H	J	M	R S
POINTS	.....	42	40	23	25	20 42
ORDER	.....	1	3	5	4	6 1

LOWER SCHOOL SOCIETIES

L.S.A.E.C.

The first meeting of the Lower School Aircraft Enthusiasts Club was held on the 20th of October, 1954, so compared with some other Lower School clubs we are still quite young, but we are ambitious and have plenty of ideas, though not all of them have worked. At Christmas we had to postpone a trip to London Airport, but we were highly successful with Christmas cards, for which thanks must go to P. G. Sulston.

Also we held an exhibition of model aircraft for which a number of members lent models. During the term talks were given by:—

R. D. Gray: "The Handley Page Victor."

D. J. Heasman: "Vertical Take-off Aircraft."

P. G. Sulston: "Backbone of the R.A.F." and "Today and Tomorrow."

I. A. Keynes: "Martin 2-0-2 and 4-0-4."

J. N. Foden: "Convair 240 and 340."

Three "Any Questions" were held this term with D. J. Icke, B. A. Howell and some of the above lecturers as the team.

And last, but not least, we would like to thank Mr. Brown, our president, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Keevil, who have done so much to encourage us and ensure the smooth running of the club.

J. N. FODEN, *Hon. Sec.*

THE LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

At the beginning of the year some of our best players went into the Upper School, but there are some promising players among the new boys who have entered the Club. J. K. Bennett, this year's captain, and L. Chin, the vice-captain, have taken over from Yeomans and Robinson. They have both played in matches for the School. The Club now has eighty members and new chess sets have been bought to enable as many as possible to play. The Tournament for the House Trophy, at present held by Meadows, will be played off this term. We also hope to arrange a match against the Preparatory School. We would like to thank Mr. Welbourne for his help in running the Club.

J. K. BENNETT, *Captain.*
L. CHIN, *Vice-Captain.*

LOWER SCHOOL LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the Society, S. G. Kahn was elected as Chairman and R. A. Mason as Secretary for the coming year together with a committee of four: R. J. Rogers, H. D. Travers, P. G. Sulston and J. N. Foden.

The membership now stands at 35, having risen from a meagre 15 last September. This figure comprises mainly third formers and it is hoped that more members of the second forms will patronise *their own Society* in future.

Our programme in the Autumn Term was very varied and included a session of "Any Questions?", and a debate: "That this House believes that television is good for children," which was very soundly defeated. Two book reviews had a good reception and more are planned for the end of March.

Our future programme promises to be enjoyable and includes a Mock Trial in aid of Charity, further debates and papers to be read by members.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. A. Craig, our President, for the help and encouragement he continually gives us in all ways.

P. G. SULSTON, *Committee Member.*

S. G. KAHN, *Hon. Chairman.*

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the above Society R. S. Deakin was elected chairman, D. A. Davidson secretary, M. A. Smith 3rd-form representative, and P. E. Sheldon 2nd-form representative. With the exception of one meeting, all attendances have been above 40, which is very good. The highest attendance for the term was 57, for B. L. Perman's lecture. This was only five short of the existing record.

The following addresses were made during the Autumn and first half of the Spring Terms :

R. S. Deakin on "Tortoises and Terrapins."

M. J. Easterbrook on "Rabbits as Pets."

M. A. Hollington on "Animals of South America."

B. L. Perman on "Golden Hamsters."

P. E. Sheldon on "Stick Insects."

R. A. Mason on "Tigers and Tiger Hunting."

K. A. Flowers on "Prehistoric Animals."

H. C. Medcalf on "Freshwater Fishes."

M. A. Hollington on "Birds of Prey."

Four meetings were devoted to films, and one to a Quiz. One outing took place, that to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Cooper, our president, who takes such a keen interest in the society.

D. A. DAVIDSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Preparatory School Notes

The Summer Term was a very busy one with the customary large number of events. Among these were the Singing and Reading competitions. For the former, which was won by St. Patrick's, we were very pleased to welcome once more Mrs. Adams and family. Mr. Moody very kindly came to judge the latter, the winners of which were D. J. Smith (Senior) and J. S. Hack (Junior).

The Athletic Sports were held on July 2nd. After a very ominous morning the weather relented and we were able to carry through our full programme before a large audience of parents and friends, among them Dr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor very kindly presented the cup to the winners. The full results are given later on. The Sports were followed by the annual cricket match against the Fathers, which was much enjoyed by all.

The cricket results were most disappointing. Starting the term with several stalwarts from last year's eleven, we had every reason to look forward to a really successful season. That this did not materialise was mainly due to the bowling, which never came up to expectations, and to a lesser extent to some spiritless batting by far too many of the team. Colours were re-awarded to N. B. Twissell (the captain) who played some really good innings, A. D. Mackeggie and R. E. Haslehurst, and awarded to J. T. Lea, S. H. Morgan and A. S. Hodgson. The House Cricket Cup was won by St. George's and the Rounders Cup by St. Patrick's. The full results were as follows :—

May 26th v. St. Martin's School (Away). Result: Lost.

St. Martin's: 101 for 8 declared. H.P.S.: 63 (Twissell 30).

May 28th v. Dulwich College Preparatory School (Home). Abandoned (rain).

Dulwich: 31 for 2.

June 18th v. Lochinver House School (Home). Result: Won.

Lochinver: 17 (Pole 2 for 3). H.P.S.: 43.

June 24th v. Lower School Ex. Preparatory. Result: Lost.

Ex. Preparatory: 57 for 6 declared. H.P.S.: 40.

June 30th v. Royal Masonic School (Away). Result: Lost.

H.P.S.: 39 for 6 declared. Royal Masonic: 47 for 6.

July 2nd v. The Fathers. Result: Lost.

H.P.S.: 41. The Fathers: 42 for 2.

July 7th v. Dulwich College Preparatory School (Away). Result: Drawn.

H.P.S.: 85 (Lea 36). Dulwich 85 for 9.

July 9th v. St. Martin's School (Home). Result: Drawn.

St. Martin's: 68 for 6 declared. H.P.S.: 51 for 7 (Twissell 33 not out).

July 12th v. Lochinver House School (Away). Result: Drawn.

Lochinver: 91. H.P.S.: 89 for 8 (Twissell 24).

July 16th v. Wellington School (Home). Result: Lost.

Wellington: 57 for 6 declared. H.P.S.: 48 (Mackeggie 19).

During the term the Chess Club played two matches against Belmont, winning one by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, and drawing the other (against older boys) 3-3. The return match against the Lower School was lost by 4 games to 2, a very creditable performance against more experienced opponents. Chin, the captain, is to be congratulated on maintaining an unbeaten record and on winning the Individual Competition. The Inter-House Cup was won by St. George's.

The biennial summer outings took place on June 28th—the three junior forms, under the care of Miss Geddie, visiting Whipsnade, while the four senior form journeyed via Burnham Beeches to Chessington Zoo. The weather treated us fairly kindly and a good time was had by all. Our thanks are due to Mr. Lewin for all the trouble he went to in arranging both trips.

Charity collections continued to thrive, and by the end of term—helped by a record auction sale of £18—we achieved the magnificent total of over £100. Our thanks are due to the form collectors and to all who so generously helped to reach this most creditable target.

The climax to the term was the Open Day programme held on July 20th and 21st. Classroom and P.T. displays, singing, demonstration of crafts and a performance of *Alice in Wonderland* kept the large attendance of visitors fully occupied and entertained. We must congratulate Miss Jagoe on her first play production, which fully maintained the high standard of previous years. On the final day we were very pleased to welcome the Rev. R. S. Hook, M.C., M.A. (Rector of Chelsea); who had very kindly consented to present the trophies. Apart from those already mentioned the Conduct Cup went to St. Andrew's, while the Work Cup and Pike House Shield were both won by St. George's.

At the end of the term the following appointments were made for 1954-55:—

Head Boy:	R. M. VALDAR (<i>St. George's</i>)		
Deputy Head Boy:	A. G. EBEL (<i>St. Patrick's</i>)		
House Captains:	<i>St. Andrew's</i> :	M. E. POPE	<i>St. David's</i> : K. G. L. WEBB
	<i>St. George's</i> :	R. M. VALDAR	<i>St. Patrick's</i> : A. G. EBEL
House Vice-Captains:	<i>St. Andrew's</i> :	A. P. ARMIT	<i>St. David's</i> : R. W. FEWKES
	<i>St. George's</i> :	A. R. METCALFE	<i>St. Patrick's</i> : J. C. COOK
House Games Captains:			
	<i>St. Andrew's</i> :	C. L. BURGESS	<i>St. David's</i> : J. G. DAVIES
	<i>St. George's</i> :	C. E. DINES	<i>St. Patrick's</i> : R. V. DOUGLAS-TURNER

In September we welcomed our usual number of new boys. They settled down very quickly and have already begun to prove themselves useful members of the community.

Up to date we are experiencing our worst football season ever. Owing to reorganisation we were deprived of the services of Tinker, Allen and Felton a year before their time and also lost Lea who left to go to Christ's Hospital. We were thus left without a single boy with first team experience. This handicap at a time when we have considerably strengthened our fixture list has proved too great and we have suffered some severe defeats. However, the team keep on trying and have not quite lost heart yet, so that we are still looking forward to our first win in the near future.

The results to date are given below:—

v. Dulwich Preparatory School (Away)	Lost	1—9
v. Belmont (Home)	Lost	3—9
v. Shirley House (Away)	Lost	5—6
v. Belmont (Away)	Lost	0—5

After-school activities have again flourished and in addition to chess, crafts, dramatics, gardening, hobbies, etc., we now have a fully fledged table tennis club.

Owing to work in connection with the enlargement of St. Michael's Church it was not possible to hold our annual carol service there as usual. Instead we were fortunate in obtaining the use of the church of John Keble, Edgware. We are most grateful to the Rev. E. W. T. Motley for allowing us the facilities of the church and for taking part in the service himself. A very large congregation much enjoyed the singing and reading and Miss Lear and Miss Wozencroft are to be congratulated on a most impressive ceremony.

The Christmas party took place on the last Wednesday of term, and we were very pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Campbell. Our thanks are due to Miss Links and her staff for the splendid tea, to Mr. Ollett for working the film projector and to all members of the staff who worked so hard to make the party the success it undoubtedly was.

SPORTS RESULTS

Long Jump :	1st Williams, 2nd May, 3rd Haslehurst.
High Jump :	1st Morgan, S. H., 2nd Williams, 3rd Rees.
60 yds. (7-8) :	1st Moore, 2nd Spratt, 3rd Wood, C. R.
80 yds. (8-9) :	1st Karter, 2nd Harris, 3rd Fellows.
100 yds. (9-10) :	1st Ratcliffe, 2nd Cook, 3rd Ebel.
100 yds. (10-11) :	1st Tinker, 2nd Allen, 3rd Fewkes.
100 yds. (Over 11) :	1st Morgan, S. H., 2nd Rees, 3rd Hodgson Major.
Sack Race (7-8) :	1st Moore, 2nd Packer, 3rd Wood, P. N.
Sack Race (8-9) :	1st Harris, 2nd Fellows, 3rd Hodgson Minor.
Sack Race (9-10) :	1st Alexander, 2nd Fisher, 3rd Ebel.
Sack Race (10-11) :	1st Tinker, 2nd Pope, 3rd Allen.
Sack Race (Over 11) :	1st Packman, 2nd Williams, 3rd Chin.
Three-Legged Race	1st Moore-Wood, C. R., 2nd Beales-Edwards
(7-8) :	Minor, 3rd Keane-Spratt.
Three-Legged Race	1st Hakes-Kanaber, 2nd Gray-Neal, 3rd Alexander-
(9-10) :	Briggs.
Three-Legged Race	1st Fewkes-Petrie, 2nd Douglas-Turner-Dunn,
(10-11) :	3rd Lea-Voigt.
Three-Legged Race	1st Haslehurst-Sober, 2nd Rees-Williams, 3rd
(Over 11) :	Morgan, S. H.-Twissell.
Fathers' Race :	Mr. Haslehurst.
Mothers' Race :	Mrs. Vellacott.
House Relay (Under 9) :	1st St. George's, 2nd St. David's, 3rd St. Patrick's.
House Relay (9-10) :	1st St. Patrick's, 2nd St. George's, 3rd St. David's.
House Relay (10-11) :	1st St. George's, 2nd St. Andrew's, 3rd St. David's.
House Relay (Over 11) :	1st St. David's, 2nd St. Patrick's, 3rd St. Andrew's.
Cricket Ball (Over 11) :	1st May, 2nd Twissell, 3rd Morgan, S. H.
Medley Relay :	1st St. David's, 2nd St. Andrew's, 3rd St. Patrick's.
Othagon (8-9) :	1st Karter, 2nd Fellows, 3rd Owen.
Othagon (9-10) :	1st Newson, 2nd Bowen, 3rd Cook.
Othagon (10-11) :	1st Pitt, 2nd Metcalfe, 3rd Burt.
Othagon (Over 11) :	1st Chin, 2nd Rees, 3rd Sober.
Visitors' Race (Under 7) :	Stephen Dunn.
Visitors' Race (Over 7) :	Sylvia Voigt.
Osbtacle Race (Over 11) :	1st Packman, 2nd Felton, 3rd Haslehurst.
Cup Winners :	St. George's.
Victor Ludorum :	Morgan, S. H.

R. J. M.

Cricket



CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

With most of last year's senior players leaving it was inevitable that the 1st XI should be rather young and inexperienced. There was also a lack of good reserves; indeed, it was unfortunate that although many boys reached 2nd XI standard, very few possessed the little bit extra required for 1st XI cricket.

Although the 1st XI won more matches than last year it can hardly be said that they were a better team. The individual successes were fewer, and smaller, and the team suffered several heavy defeats which, with one or two experienced batsman, might well have been avoided. The batting was weaker than in recent years and almost without exception the batsmen submitted meekly to bowling that very often was not of a high standard. There was a general lack of concentration in defence and of aggression in attack, two failings that can only be overcome by much intelligent net practice. The bowling improved noticeably throughout the season and although no one was consistently spectacular, several players have bowled well on occasions and they should benefit from the season's play.

In fielding alone did we compare well with our rivals, and it was pleasing to see the School 1st XI really alert and active in the field. Unfortunately, this keenness did not extend below the 1st XI and this can possibly explain the poor season experienced by the 2nd XI. The 3rd XI played with their usual carefree vigour and achieved fair success, while the Colts did well to win four games out of six.

The outlook for the future is bright. Very few of this season's players are leaving and there are several good young players in the Colts who will be promoted next year. This is, undoubtedly, good for School Cricket, as it means that several older players will have to fight hard to keep their places.

In conclusion I would like to thank the kitchen staff for all their excellent work and also Mr. Galley for coaching and umpiring so well for us, and for preparing the pitches with his usual care. Thanks are also due to those members of the staff who have given up their time to umpire for the various teams, especially Mr. Carrington, for his forceful but sympathetic instruction, and Mr. Crossman, who once again has organized our cricket with wonderful efficiency.

N. A. FULLER, *Captain of Cricket.*

FIRST XI CHARACTERS

- N. A. FULLER (*Captain*)—He has faced up well to the difficulties of the season and really deserved more successful results. He has set a fine example on and off the field and is a batsman of considerable power but must make his timings of strokes more accurate.
- J. T. FARRAND—A solid opening batsman, who possesses several powerful shots but is rather slow to use them. His fielding is patchy.
- G. A. BUTLER—An all-rounder who has had little success ; he is potentially a very good batsman. His fielding is always good.
- D. W. CURTIS—A neat left-handed batsman with several attractive shots. He must learn to concentrate at the start of his innings. His fielding is very reliable.
- B. J. HODGKINSON—A young batsman who has batted well on several occasions and shows great promise. A safe fielder.
- W. O. MCINNES—An unspectacular batsman with a good defence but little aggression in attack. He is a moderate fielder.
- I. D. SCOFIELD—A young all-rounder who shows great promise. His batting is very mature but he must learn variety of bowling to supplement his natural spin.
- J. G. WESSON—His bowling has improved increasingly and he has the makings of a very good left-arm spinner. A solid, defensive batsman.
- G. T. WHEAL—An energetic but erratic opening bowler who should learn to control his length. He is a vigorous and unorthodox batsman.
- M. S. WHITE—A wicket-keeper who has taken some excellent catches and who shows great promise. He could develop into a useful batsman.

Mention must also be made of our careful scorer, F. J. Kent, who has devoted a good deal of time and attention to keeping a neat record of our matches.

The following also rendered useful service to the 1st XI :—
GARDNER, CLEVELAND, PURCHASE, OETERS, HORROCKS, ULLMANN, MATEAR, GROSS and MANN.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

BATTING					
	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
Scofield	4	2	50	26*	25.00
Fuller	11	0	183	44	16.64
BOWLING					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Scofield	26	6	82	9	9.1
Fuller	67	16	145	13	11.1
Wesson	55.3	9	143	11	13.0

Ist. XI, 1954.



Standing: I. D. SCOTFIELD, W. A. GROSS, J. G. WESSON, G. T. WHEAL, F. L. GARDNER, W. O. MCINNIS, G. A. BUTLER.
Sitting: B. J. HODGKINSON, J. T. FARRAND, N. A. FULLER (*Capt.*), D. W. CURTIS, M. S. WHITE, F. J. KENT, (*in front*).

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Standing: R. S. HANDSCOME, I. J. KING, A. E. FULLER, R. G. MANN, M. J. ROBINSON, S. B. AUST, G. A. BUTLER, M. R. HUNT.
Sitting: D. J. McLAREN, D. GOLDMAN, M. F. NEALE, N. A. FULLER (*Capt.*), R. M. KIPPS, B. L. WALDMAN, J. B. DAVIES.

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FIRST XI RECORD

- May 8th. v. Bancroft's School (*Home*). Result : *Lost* by 7 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 118 for 8 dec. (Fuller 32) ; Bancroft's 119 for 3.
- May 15th. v. Hampstead C.C. (*Home*). Result : *Lost* by 7 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 114 for 9 dec. (Hodgkinson 37*) ; Hampstead 118 for 3.
- May 22nd. v. Eltham College (*Home*). Result : *Match drawn*.
Eltham 117 for 3 dec. ; H.A.H.S. 41 for 7.
- May 26th. v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. (*Away*). Result : *Lost* by 63 runs.
Q.E.G.S. 131 for 7 dec. ; H.A.H.S. 68.
- May 29th. v. St. Dunstan's College (*Home*). *Match abandoned* owing to rain.
- June 2nd v. Chigwell School (*Away*). Result : *Won* by 2 runs.
H.A.H.S. 71 (Curtis 33) ; Chigwell 69.
- June 12th v. Emanuel School (*Away*). *Match abandoned* owing to rain.
- June 16th. v. M.C.C. (*Home*). Result : *Lost* by 107 runs.
M.C.C. 148 for 8 dec. ; H.A.H.S. 41.
- June 19th. v. St. Alban's School (*Home*). Result : *Match drawn*.
H.A.H.S. 98 for 5 dec. (Fuller 44). St. Albans 69 for 9.
- June 26th. v. Royal Masonic School (*Home*). Result : *Won* by 3 wickets.
R.M.S. 93 for 6 dec. ; H.A.H.S. 94 for 7 (Fuller 43).
- July 3rd. v. Alleyn's School (*Away*). Result : *Lost* by 10 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 39 ; Alleyn's 40 for 0.
- July 10th. v. Old Haberdashers' (*Home*). Result : *Match drawn*.
O.H. 89 ; H.A.H.S. 34 for 8.
- July 17th. v. City of London School (*Away*). *Match abandoned* owing to rain.
- July 26th. v. Monmouth School (*Away*). Result : *Lost* by 2 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 64 for 6 dec. ; Monmouth 66 for 8.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XI

***Fuller, N. A. (*Capt.*)
 †††Farrand, J. T.
 ††Butler, G. A.
 ††Curtis, D. W.
 †††Gardner, F. L.
 †Hodgkinson, B. J.
 ††McInnes, W. O.
 †Scofield, I. D.
 ††Wheal, G. T.
 ††White, M. S.
 ††Wesson, J. G.
 ††(Ullmann, R.)
 *Denotes First XI Colours.

THIRD XI

Yeadon, M. D. (*Capt.*)
 Neale, M. F.
 Fairley, R. J.
 Wigzell, J. L.
 Bryant, C.
 Wildman, D.
 Ward, D. L.
 Boatman, B. R.
 Clifford, H. J.
 Jeffers, J.
 Couch, H. E.
 (Fuller, A. E.)

SECOND XI

†McInnes, E. O. (*Capt.*)
 †††Oeters, W. D. M.
 †Gross, W. A. G.
 †Horrocks, H. J.
 †Matear, D.
 †Byerly, C.
 †Geer, N. D.
 †Leverton, K. H.
 †Hoskin, R. J.
 †Shankland, C.
 †Mann, R. G.
 ††(Purchase, H. G.)
 †Denotes First XXII Colours.

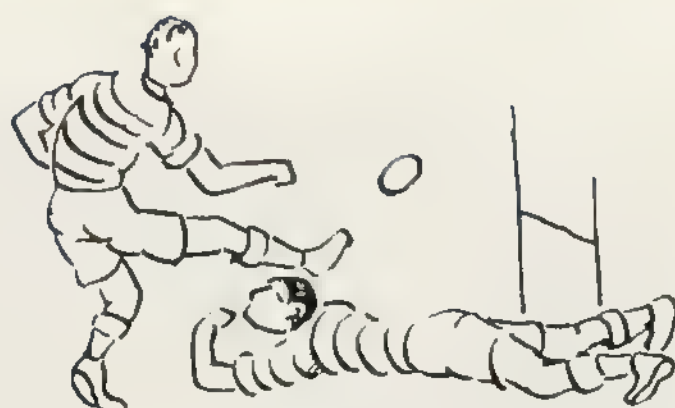
COLTS XI

†Scofield, I. D. (*Capt.*)
 Hunt, M. R.
 Boon, I.
 Redpath, J.
 Searby, M. B.
 Bustard, J. R.
 Mercer, D. B.
 Darby, J. A.
 Hopkin
 Bradford, C.
 Newton, B.
 (Healey, N.)

HOUSE CRICKET

Calverts won the House Cricket Final beating Hendersons in a rather one-sided game. Calverts made 132—7 declared (Gross 32, Matear 30) and Hendersons replied with 49 (Fuller, N., 25, Hoskin 7—22).

Rugby Football 1954-55



It would have been sanguine to expect last season's success to repeat itself this season, but the standard of play in the opening matches certainly led one to expect that this, too, could prove a bumper year. That it did not is wholly the team's responsibility. The dazzling passing movements which achieved the convincing victories against our early opponents failed to be maintained, and not until the harder matches of the season, against some of our more redoubtable opponents, did the team do full justice to itself and gain the victories it deserved. The more is the pity. Yet we do not begrudge our victors their success, least of all those who demonstrated so convincingly that victory often depends on making full use of every opportunity—not to say every ounce of energy—throughout the match.

There is no doubt that low scoring both by ourselves and by our opponents was due largely to heavy ground conditions, but it is also true that ineffectual mid-field play led to much wasted effort. It is to the credit of the pack that they were not dismayed by either handicap but always gave a good account of themselves, particularly in the loose.

This, despite its setbacks, has been an enjoyable year, marked by a fine spirit in all teams. N. A. Fuller can be justly proud of his management of affairs both on and off the field. I congratulate him on his achievements, and also heartily endorse his thanks to all members of staff who have given us their support in whatever form.

W. F. B.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

The 1st XV had a season of varying fortunes and in view of the promise shown in the first few matches, they failed to do themselves justice. They were only really outplayed once but they lacked the drive and team spirit of the previous year and this fact accounted for several close defeats which might possibly have been avoided. It was significant that they excelled themselves against teams with a good reputation and the games against Bedford Modern, Bancroft's and Emanuel were worthy of the best traditions of school rugger, but that at Harpenden was lost through a universal resignation to defeat.

The potential scoring power lay in a fast running three-quarter line but, after starting the season well, they appeared to lose confidence and their danger was considerably lessened. The pack was competent and achieved a fair share of the ball for the outsides, but they found the task of hard scrummaging and then covering up the three-quarters' mistakes rather arduous. The defence, however,

was extremely tight with B. L. Waldman and D. Goldman outstanding for their tackling and M. F. Neale for his touch-finding. Of the pack R. M. Kipps was outstanding, and he was ably backed up by D. J. McLaren who found his best form as prop forward.

Only four players are staying at School but they should have plenty of support from the 2nd XV who enjoyed an excellent season under the leadership of D. J. L. Ward. The standard of rugger achieved by them was consistently higher than that of their opponents and their three-quarters showed the value of running hard and straight, while the forwards, and the back row, in particular, fought valiantly to obtain the ball.

The 3rd XV scarcely had the same team for two weeks running and this caused a lack of that team sense which is essential for success. Several boys showed promise, however, in particular M. D. Yeadon, J. G. Wesson and J. E. Baker and the team's games were always vigorous and enjoyable. The Colts XV, too, had many promising players, but in several games they were beaten by teams of more experienced boys. All their players showed a natural ability and as they become more mature, they will, in turn, take their places in the first two XVs.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Crossman for organizing our rugger, and also to Mr. Barling for coaching us in the basic skills of the game and its tactics. I would also like to thank all the members of the staff who have given much time and thought to coaching and refereeing the School teams; Mr. Galley, who has prepared the pitches; and the kitchen staff who always supply a very satisfying meal after our games.

N. A. Fuller.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

- N. A. FULLER (*Captain*)—A sagacious, hard-working forward, invaluable in line-out work and in defence, with a long touch-kick.
- M. CLEVELAND (*Vice-Captain*)—A powerful three-quarter who has, unfortunately, lost much of his touch and soundness, place-kicking ability included.
- S. B. AUST—A moderately successful hooker, keen (if not over keen) in rushes, with a zest for the game.
- M. J. BRAGG—An energetic, dependable forward who does much to overcome his handicap of lack of speed.
- G. A. BUTLER—A stand-off half of promise, but with a great deal to learn—particularly about defence.
- J. B. DAVIES—A seasoned winger, handicapped this season by the effects of illness. He shows real promise.
- A. E. FULLER—A young but zealous forward who has made great progress. He tackles soundly.
- D. GOLDMAN—A thrustful three-quarter with an eye for an opening. He needs to master the arts of tackling and safe handling.
- R. S. HANDSCOMBE—An erratic, fast running centre, improving in defence and combination with his wing.

- R. M. KIPPS—A most reliable back-row forward, quick on the ball, plucky in defence, and sound at the back of the line-out.
- D. J. McLAREN—A sturdy prop forward, hard-working both in tight and loose, and quick to back up.
- R. G. MANN—A useful forward, solid rather than brilliant, possessing a useful tackle.
- M. F. NEALE—A sound scrum-half, resourceful with his kick and dashes for the line but sometimes a little slow and erratic with his service.
- M. J. ROBINSON—A keen forward who has improved in all departments and shows promise.
- B. L. WALDMAN—A cool, efficient full-back who has had a good season, having improved his positioning and touch-kicking.

The occasional services of F. J. Kent, M. R. Hunt, G. M. Charlesworth, M. J. Sanders and A. S. Hudson have been invaluable.

N. A. Fuller was selected for the Middlesex Schools in their match against the Eastern Counties Schools.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV	SECOND XV
*B. L. Waldman	†M. S. White
†J. B. Davies	†M. R. Hunt
*R. S. Handscombe	†G. M. Charlesworth
*D. Goldman	†J. S. Mercer
†G. A. Butler	†H. G. Purchase
†(F. J. Kent)	
†M. Cleveland	†K. F. Banham
*M. F. Neale	†N. D. Geer
†M. J. Bragg	†C. M. Bishop
†S. B. Aust	†A. S. Hudson
*D. J. McLaren	†L. J. Clark
†R. G. Mann	†P. J. Egan
†M. J. Robinson	†J. K. Sholl
†A. E. Fuller	†D. A. Wildman
**N. A. Fuller (<i>Capt.</i>)	†M. J. Sanders
**R. M. Kipps	†D. J. L. Ward (<i>Capt.</i>)
THIRD XV	COLTS XV
K. L. Davies	†T. R. Treadwell
M. D. Yeadon	D. J. Simler
H. Selby	†G. E. F. Strange
J. G. Boon	M. R. Witheridge
M. T. Collins	J. P. Turner
B. M. Shaw	†J. K. Babey
D. V. Alford	†N. Healey (<i>Capt.</i>)
J. G. Wesson	M. J. Hounsell
J. E. Baker	C. Evans
J. R. Parker	M. J. Lee
K. A. McLaren	†G. Jones
R. Howell	J. V. M. Kirkby
T. R. Goodman	†H. A. Churchland
B. S. Davies	†C. I. Ohrenstein
N. R. Read (<i>Capt.</i>)	†L. W. Hart

*Denotes 1st XV Colours. †Denotes 1st XXX Colours. ‡Denotes Junior Colours.

MATCH RESULTS

FIRST XV RECORD

						Points	
						For	Against
Oct. 2	v.	Royal Masonic School	.....	A.	Won	12	6
Oct. 6	v.	Bedford Modern School	.....	A.	Won	15	6
Oct. 9	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	.....	H.	Drew	6	6
Oct. 16	v.	St. Dunstan's College	.....	H.	Lost	0	3
Oct. 20	v.	Adam's G.S., Newport	.....	H.	Lost	3	12
Oct. 30	v.	City of London School	.....	A.	Won	6	0
Nov. 6	v.	Bancroft's School	.....	A.	Drew	3	3
Nov. 13	v.	St. Alban's School	.....	A.	Lost	3	9
Nov. 17	v.	St. George's School	.....	A.	Lost	0	3
Nov. 20	v.	Emanuel School	.....	H.	Won	3	0
Nov. 27	v.	Berkhamsted School	.....	H.	Cancelled (rain)		
Dec. 4	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	.....	H.	Lost	0	11
Dec. 11	v.	Eltham College	.....	A.	Lost	0	3
Dec. 18	v.	Monmouth School	.....	A.	Drew	3	3

SECOND XV RECORD

Oct. 2	v.	Royal Masonic School	.....	H.	Won	30	0
Oct. 6	v.	Bedford Modern School	.....	A.	Won	9	6
Oct. 9	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	.....	A.	Won	6	3
Oct. 16	v.	St. Dunstan's College	.....	A.	Lost	3	14
Oct. 30	v.	City of London School	.....	H.	Won	27	8
Nov. 6	v.	Bancroft's School	.....	H.	Won	20	0
Nov. 13	v.	St. Alban's School	.....	H.	Won	3	0
Nov. 10	v.	Emanuel School	.....	A.	Lost	3	9
Nov. 27	v.	Berkhamsted School	.....	A.	Cancelled (rain)		
Dec. 4	v.	O. Haberdasher's "Ex A" XV	.....	H.	Cancelled (rain)		
Dec. 11	v.	Eltham College	.....	A.	Drew	3	3

THIRD XV RECORD

Oct. 2	v.	Royal Masonic School	.....	A.	Lost	6	14
Dec. 9	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	.....	H.	Lost	9	22
Oct. 16	v.	St. Dunstan's College	.....	H.	Lost	3	9
Nov. 6	v.	Bancroft's School	.....	A.	Lost	6	23
Nov. 13	v.	St. Alban's School	.....	H.	Drew	3	3
Nov. 17	v.	St. George's School	.....	A.	Lost	5	8
Nov. 20	v.	Emanuel School	.....	H.	Lost	0	6
Nov. 27	v.	Berkhamsted School	.....	A.	Cancelled		
Dec. 11	v.	Eltham College	.....	H.	Cancelled		

COLTS XV RECORD

Oct. 2	v.	Royal Masonic School	.....	H.	Lost	5	20
Oct. 9	v.	Queen Elizabeth's G.S.	.....	A.	Won	13	12
Oct. 16	v.	St. Dunstan's College	.....	A.	Lost	6	16
Nov. 6	v.	Bancroft's School	.....	H.	Lost	3	6
Nov. 13	v.	St. Alban's School	.....	A.	Lost	10	18
Nov. 20	v.	Emanuel School	.....	A.	Lost	3	33
Nov. 27	v.	Berkhamsted School	.....	H.	Cancelled		

SUMMARY

					Points	
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	13	4	3	6	54	65
2nd XV	9	6	1	2	104	43
3rd XV	7	0	1	6	32	85
Colts XV	6	1	0	5	40	105
Totals	35	11	5	19	230	298

FIRST XV FIXTURES—1955

<i>Home</i>	Sat. Oct. 1st	Royal Masonic School
<i>Home</i>	Wed. Oct. 5th	Bedford Modern School
<i>Away</i>	Sat. Oct. 8th	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School
<i>Away</i>	Sat. Oct. 15th	St. Dunstan's College
<i>Home</i>	Sat. Oct. 22nd	Bancroft's School
<i>Home</i>	Sat. Oct. 29th	City of London School
<i>Home</i>	Sat. Nov. 12th	St. Alban's School
<i>Home</i>	Wed. Nov. 16th	St. George's School, Harpenden
<i>Away</i>	Sat. Nov. 19th	Emanuel School
<i>Away</i>	Sat. Nov. 26th	Berkhamsted School
<i>Home</i>	Sat. Dec. 3rd	Old Haberdashers' "A"
<i>Away</i>	Sat. Dec. 10th	Eltham College
<i>Home</i>	Sat. Dec. 17th	Monmouth School

Athletics, 1954

During the past season the teams have tended to rely on the efforts of a few "keen" athletes, the remainder performing with their natural ability, and this is not enough for success in the conditions of modern athletics.

Bearing in mind that it consisted of only twelve boys, the Senior Team did quite well against some stiff opposition. Nash and Oeters set up new school records in Discus and High Jump respectively.

The Junior Team, though not outstanding, contained some potential first-class athletes, and Shaw and Muteau in particular showed excellent promise.

I should like to thank R. S. Handscombe for his work as Secretary and Vice-Captain. To Mr. Dudderidge and all those Masters who have helped as officials, the teams extend their thanks in appreciation of all their hard work.

MATCH RESULTS

1. *v. Emanuel School and Eltham College.*
School 54 pts. Eltham 37 pts. Emanuel 71 pts.
2. *v. Old Haberdashers A.C.*
School 47½ pts. O.H. 60½ pts.
3. *v. Latymer Upper School and City of London School.*
Seniors: School 68 pts. ; Latymer U. 84 pts. ; C. of L. 69 pts.
Juniors: School 59 pts. ; Latymer U. 106 pts. ; C. of L. 73 pts.
4. *v. St. Dunstan's College and St. George's School.*
Seniors: School 85 pts. ; St. Dunstan's 95 pts. ; St. George's 59 pts.
Juniors: School 81 pts. ; St. Dunstan's 82 pts. ; St. George's 42 pts.

PENTATHLON COMPETITION

1st Irwin 124 pts. ; 2nd Handscombe 102 pts. ; 3rd Davies, J. B., 94 pts.
Colours were awarded to :—

Seniors: Cleveland, Davies, J., Handscombe, R., Nash, C., Shrimpton, Irwin.

Juniors: Muteau, Shaw.

NEW SCHOOL RECORDS

<i>Event.</i>	<i>Performance.</i>	<i>Year.</i>	<i>Hclder.</i>	<i>House</i>
High Jump:	5 ft. 6 ins.	1954	W. Oeters	J
Discus :	138 ft. 8 ins.	1954	C. Nash	S

The following have represented the School :—

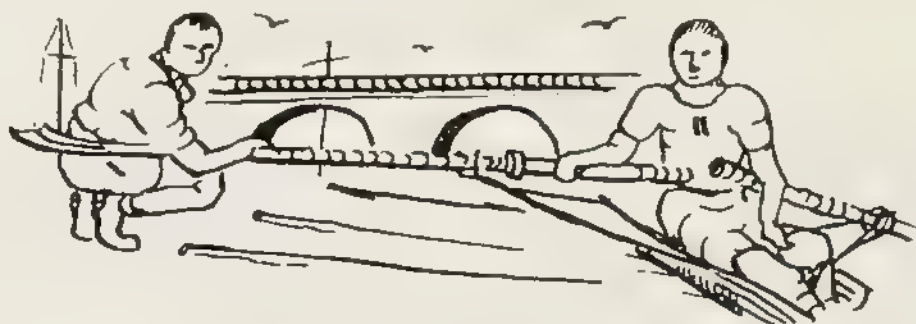
Brown, M. E., Clark, L., Cleveland, Davies, J., Horne, McLaren, D., Morris, A., Nash, C., Oeters, Readman, Shrimpton, Irwin, Barnes, Bishop, Boatman, Bysher, Goldman D., Hunt, Leverton, Mercer, J., Morris, J., Muteau, Pardey, Redpath, Shaw, Sholl, Wilson, Woodford.

J. R. IRWIN, *Captain of Athletics.*

Throughout the season Irwin displayed great keenness and enthusiasm, encouraging his team to train during holidays and week-ends so that they could develop that fitness without which no success is possible. I congratulate him on his work for the team and on his own personal performances.

J. W. D.

Boat Club



At this stage in the rowing year, it seems like the work of an ancient historian to rake up memories and thoughts of last Summer's activities. And yet it was a success-spangled season, worthy of recording. The sense of purpose and hard work that was so much in evidence earlier in the year resulted in promotion for both First and Second VIIIs in the Leagues by dint of 8 out of 8 races won. Of course, it is comparatively easy to rise when one starts low down, and though our position is now approaching respectability, we can, and must, go higher yet, to find a level more commensurate with what we believe to be our potentiality. Haberdashers' rowing can be put on the map in multifarious small ways in which we can all play our part, but, ultimately, the only legitimate way is to win races. Opposition in the higher leagues will naturally be stiffer, and we have yet to achieve success in the limited number of open regattas we enter for.

Led once again by Routley, whose captaincy throughout last year was of the highest order, and with sound material in the crews, prospects, *on paper*, are bright. Fortunes, however, rise and fall in rowing as quickly as on the Stock Exchange, and the concentrated determination that wins the individual race must be extended to span the whole rowing year if we are to go further forward.

Finally we welcome to the Club this year, Mr. D. C. Baber, who is helping with the Juniors at Barnes. We wish him happy and successful coaching, with the satisfaction of seeing some fruits of his labours !

J. B.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

As soon as the Summer Term commenced the First VIII had to start the "Battle of the Leagues" by racing against St. Paul's. The crew was somewhat nervous at the start of this race, but once under way, soon settled down and took the boat home to a resounding victory, to win by 3 lengths. Having quite handsomely beaten the crew, which had given us so much consternation just prior to the race, we began to gain confidence in ourselves, and soon the morale of the club as a whole was being boosted, as both the First and Second VIII's came home time after time with yet other victories to their credit, until at the end of the season neither crew had been beaten in their respective leagues.

Having looked at the Club's successes in the leagues, I am afraid that once again I have to report the fact that the First VIII did not acquit themselves well at the regattas. This was not all the crew's fault, as for many of the races a borrowed "clinker" was used, or, if this was not the case, members of the crew were absent, which always seemed to have a disturbing effect upon the remainder.

Something rather unique, was held last year, in the way of a Masters' Race. After many secret outings down at Twickenham in the First VIII's "shell", Mr. Browning produced, in the middle of the Summer Term, a crew consisting of members of the Staff who had rowed at University. On the great day, Dr. Taylor kindly consented to start the race, and afterwards a Club tea was held at the Island Hotel, to which the Headmaster and the Staff, along with ex-members of the Club, were invited.

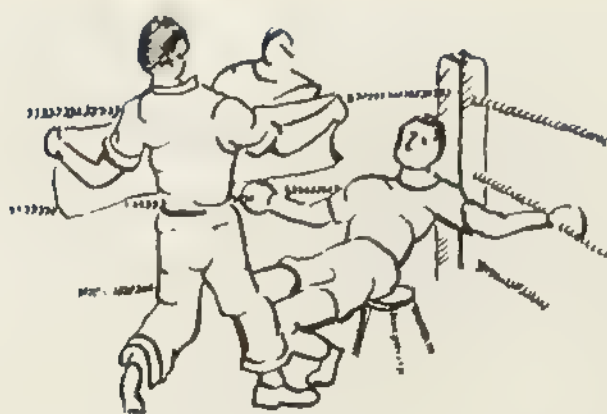
Immediately following the Fête the First IV went once again to Monmouth with high hopes, but these were soon dashed, for, after having done half the course and taken a length off the other crew at the start, we sank, much to our amazement and disgust, and once again had to relinquish the title to Monmouth.

The present school year brought with it the usual influx of Juniors, giving us a total strength of 59 boys, far more than the Boat Club can really account for. Soon after the term began the new clinker boat arrived from Simms, and was duly launched by Colonel Bull as "P. C. Bull", so bringing the total strength of the Boat Club's fleet to 4 "eights".

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Browning for his ceaseless vigil on the Boat Club, and his "never-say-die" attitude, which has helped the Club to achieve its success over the past year. I would also like to thank Messrs. McNair and Keevil for the way in which they have kept their watchful eyes on the crews and for the part which they played in the Club's success. Last but not least, I would like to thank Nash, our Secretary, who looks after all the administrative side, a most uninteresting job, but one which he does unhesitatingly and most efficiently.

J. H. ROUTLEY, *Capt. of Boats.*

Boxing



The House Boxing Competition, for which over 200 boys entered, was held in two parts, the Upper School competition taking place at the end of the Christmas term and the Lower School competition at the beginning of the Lent term.

The Upper School competition was won by Strouts, Meadows coming second, while the Lower School Shield was shared by Strouts and Calverts.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

UPPER SCHOOL

Under 6 st., Allen (S.). Under 7 st., Freeman (H.). Under 8 st., Perfect (S.). Under 9 st., Selby (M.), Harrison (H.). Under 9 st. 7 lb., Witheridge (C.), Allen (S.). Under 10 st., Antrobus (J.), Theodorou (M.), Horrocks (M.). Under 11 st., McLaren (S.), Pankhurst (S.). Under 12 st., Kirkby (C.), Fewkes (S.), Davies (C.). Over 12 st., Goldman (C.), Nash (S.).

LOWER SCHOOL

Second Forms: Under 4 st. 7 lb., Dunn (H.). Under 5 st., Ritchie (H.). Under 5 st. 7 lb., Haslehurst (C.). Under 6 st., Boseley (J.). Under 6 st. 7 lb., Karger (J.). Under 7 st., Morgan (S.). Under 8 st., McIntyre (S.). Under 9 st., Smith (W.).

Third Forms: Under 5 st., Saunders (C.). Under 5 st. 7 lb., Devenish (C.). Under 6 st., Harris (H.). Under 6 st. 7 lb., Coombes (R.). Under 7 st., Webster (C.). Under 7 st. 7 lb., Woolgrove (M.). Under 8 st., Weston (S.). Under 8 st. 7 lb., Birch (H.). Under 9 st. 7 lb., Ewer (H.).

Shooting

The shooting team took part in matches as well as competitions for the first time in the open range season last Summer Term. These subsequently led to a better result in the Ashburton Shield competition—the climax of Public Schools' shooting—and this was attributed to experience gained in the matches.

The School's position in the Ashburton Shield was 25th out of 89 teams, and since we have never bettered 50th, the standard reached can be appreciated. Another "School's Hundred" Badge was gained by Parker, and Barrow was presented with a bronze medal as a reward for his splendid shooting in the Spencer-Mellish Cup—fired at 500 yards.

RESULTS OF OPEN RANGE MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

			Points	
			F.	A.
v.	Glasgow Academy 1st VIII	Lost	492	505
	<i>Cadet Pair</i>	Won	118	102
v.	Berkhamsted 1st VIII	Won	492	489
	<i>Cadet Pair</i>	Won	118	104
v.	Framlingham College 1st VIII	Lost	483	483
	<i>Cadet Pair</i>	Won	(on a count out) 113	112
London and Middlesex R.A. J. G. E. Willis Memorial Trophy—13 teams,				
			H.A.H.S. 4th	
			<i>Cadet</i> —13 teams, H.A.H.S. 2nd	
Sussex Public Schools Open Meeting—36 teams			23rd	

During the Summer Term the team were also entertained on the Admiralty rifle range—due to the kindness of one of Mr. Osborn's associates—when they had the opportunity of using Martini action rifles.

The miniature range season commenced with very encouraging results and during practices the records published in the previous SKYLARK were all equalled, and in one case, bettered, by various members of the team. This is satisfactory evidence of the value gained from weekly practices organised by Lieut. Welbourne.

In the National Small Bore Rifle Association championship for schools the team put up a score this year equivalent to a 9th position in last year's results, but the standard of shooting had risen considerably throughout all schools and the team came 17th—one place lower than last year.

RESULTS OF MINIATURE RANGE MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS

			Result	F.	A.
v.	Bromsgrove School	.....	Won	743	724
v.	Haberdashers' Hatcham	.....	Won	735	718
v.	Sebright School	.....	Won	740	719

N.S.R.A. Championships—entry of 100 teams—School 17th. Score 768.

All the above scores were gained on "Tin Hat" targets. One match was held under "Country Life" conditions.

v.	Epsom College		Lost	614	641
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The following have represented the school in the First VIII or Cadet Pair, since May: Barrow, Barnfather, Bishop, Chapman, Long, Lyle, Morris, Morton, Parker, Powell, Richardson, Read, Webster and Willment.

In conclusion, and on behalf of the team, I should very much like to thank Major Hewson and Lieut. Welbourne for all the work and time they spend in fostering rifle shooting in the School.

A. E. MORRIS, *Capt. of Shooting.*

Swimming, 1954

The First VIII's record this season (5 matches won, 3 lost) is a considerable improvement on that of last year, but as expected the Colts suffered from the "coming of age" and consequent promotion to the First team of several of its members. Collins and Stern in particular strengthened the First VIII. Our most successful swimmer was undoubtedly Savarese who was beaten in the 100 yards

free style only in the matches against Otter S.C. and the Old Boys. Although Oppenheimer and Mercer swam well for the Colts the final record was 4 matches lost and but one victory. The two Junior teams had similarly disappointing seasons—the under 15 team losing to Berkhamsted and beating St. George's School and the under 14 team losing to both City of London School and St. Dunstan's College.

As usual the school entered a team for the Bath Cup and the Public Schools' Medley Relay Race. In the first event the team recorded its fastest time yet over the distance and swam well to come 17th out of 30 schools, particularly as the eventual winners, Barnard Castle, were in our heat. In the Relay Race the team came 10th out of 27 entries and once again put up their best performance to date. As most of the boys who swam in these two Public events will be at school next year, it is hoped that an even better result will be forthcoming.

This year butterfly and breaststroke were separated in school matches, but in our own Gala there were not sufficient entries to warrant a separate event, and either stroke was allowed in the breaststroke events. Next year a butterfly race will be included if a sufficient number of boys are interested.

Polo was abandoned this year as a regular event, but two friendly matches were played, one against the Otter S.C. and the other against the Old Boys. Both fixtures were lost, which is not surprising when it is remembered that the actual matches were the only occasions upon which the team played together.

Although it is readily appreciated that boys may well have outside interests apart from swimming, the disappointing weekly attendance at Seymour Hall of boys in the 1st, Colts and Under 15 teams showed a marked lack of enthusiasm for winter training. One night a week, although not sufficient in itself to make a boy fit, might well have improved individual performances this season. Next winter a similar training scheme will take place, and it is hoped that boys will have the foresight to realise that success can never be attained if the majority of the teams start training only two or three weeks before the first match. As we are now running four teams, it is becoming increasingly difficult to allot a reasonable training time in the School bath to every boy. Preference is given to boys in the 1st VIII and the Colts, and in order that extra training may be undertaken, all boys are encouraged to join external swimming clubs. Here they will probably find better facilities and less crowded sessions than those held at school. This applies particularly to the divers who were handicapped this season by lack of experience from high boards.

I would like to record my thanks to Mr. Thomas for his advice and guidance throughout the season, to Mr. Aplin for his services to the First VIII and Colts at the Seymour Hall every Friday evening, and to Snowman who has dealt with the difficulties always experienced by a Secretary very efficiently in addition to helping me with the lunch hour training programmes.

L. J. CLARK.

The following boys have represented the School:

First VIII: Clark, Savarese, Collins, Stern, Dichlian, Aust, Snowman, Higgs, Readman, Gaunt, Clifford.

Colts: Oppenheimer, Mercer, Sluce, Leff, Barnes, Bysher, Layland, Start, Steeds, Martin.

Under 15: Leil, Leverton, Strange, Ohrenstein, Roberts, Hesselberger.

Under 14: Evans, Barratt, Garrod, Stout, Winney, Handscombe, Watson.

Public Schools Medley Relay Team: Collins (Back), Oppenheimer (Breast), Mercer (Free), Savarese (Free).

Bath Cup Team: Mercer (50 yds.), Readman (50 yds.), Collins (100 yds.), Savarese (100 yds.).

Polo Team: Clark, Readman, Stern, Collins, Savarese.

Colours have been re-awarded to Collins and Clark. New awards to Savarese, Stern, Mercer and Oppenheimer.

Half Colours have been awarded to Gaunt and Clifford.

There is little for me to add to this report but to point out that as our rival Schools improve their standard of competition every year so must we work and train harder in our efforts to beat them.

Clark and his Secretary, Snowman, have worked very hard this year and gained support from an increasing number of boys who realise the necessity for arduous training. I feel that their efforts were not without success.

D. F. C. T.

Tennis

The gradual improvement in the standard of tennis, which has been evident in the last few years, was maintained last season. This was largely due to the efforts of the first pair, Supran and Walker, who could be relied upon to produce their best tennis when it was most needed. The other members of the team played to the best of their ability, but were not so reliable—largely due to the lack of practice together as partners. A serious effort is being made this year to remedy this situation, and it is possible that better team play will result from this move.

Despite a poor start to the season, in which the First VI lost 4 of their first 5 matches, they made a good recovery to finish with a match analysis of 8 matches won out of 18.

In the Glanvill Cup the School Team won through two rounds for the first time, beating William Ellis School (3—0) and Harrow County School (2—1) in the preliminary round, and Merchant Taylors' School (2—1) in the first round. We were knocked out in the second round, losing to University College School (1—2) and to Westminster School (1—2), the latter eventually winning the Cup.

In the Youll Cup, at Wimbledon, the School Team was less fortunate and lost its first round by two matches to one.

The Second VI maintained a very good standard throughout the season, winning 6 of their 8 matches. They had two excellent wins, notably a 7—2 victory against Latymer Upper School—our first win against this team, and an $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ win against Emanuel School, avenging a defeat by $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$ at the hands of the First VI of this School earlier in the season.

In the Under 16 tournament at Wimbledon during Public Schools' Week, Robson and Dorner did well to reach the quarter finals, losing then to Wellingborough, the eventual winners of the tournament.

I should like to draw attention to the excellent leadership of both First and Second teams by their respective captains, Supran and Bragg. Much of the credit for the results obtained by the teams is due to their efforts.

The following boys played for the First VI : Supran* (*Captain*), Ridge†, Barker*, Nice*, Dorner*, Robson†, Lyle†, Pangalos*, Walker, J. G.*, Stoddard†, Sarner, Waldman ; and, in addition, the following represented the Second VI on occasion : Bragg (*Captain*)†, Treleaven, Walker, D. J., Pannell, Davies, B. S.†.

* First VI Colours. † Second VI Colours.

RECORD OF MATCHES

First VI:— Played—18; Won—8; Lost—10;

Second VI:— Played— 8; Won—5; Lost— 2; Drawn—1.

R. B. LYLE, *Captain of Tennis*.

House Notes

CALVERTS

At the close of the Summer Term Calverts found themselves in the unaccustomed and undignified position of sixth in the Dunton Shield Competition. The position at the end of the first term of the present competition is little better, yet there is some hope, as there is a marked growth of House spirit. The surplus of minus points, so apparent in recent years, has diminished considerably, and failure in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield last term can be attributed rather to a lack of plus points.

In the Summer Term there was much disappointment over our inability to finish above fourth in the Swimming Gala. Our relay team must, however, be congratulated on winning the Wilson Taylor Cup. Collins deserves praise once more for his success in the Gala. However, the House Cricket team put up a very creditable performance, first defeating a strong Russells' side and then producing a resounding victory over Hendersons in the final. Hoskin bowled very effectively in both matches.

In the Autumn Term in the Upper School Boxing Competition we finished a close third. The Lower School did even better, tying with Strouts for first place. Congratulations are due to all those who entered. Lower School members also acquitted themselves well in their Work and Conduct Shield, finishing second.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. Small and Mr. Hickman for their eager support, encouragement and guidance at all times. Thanks are due also to Mann, the Vice-Captain, Ward, the efficient recorder, and Mitchinere, who leads the Lower School members of the House with great enthusiasm.

D. W. CURTIS, *House-Captain*.

HENDERSONS

1954 has been one of the most successful years in the post-war history of the House. In the Summer Term we won the coveted Dunton Shield. This resulted from continual enthusiastic efforts by the majority of the House in all fields of work and sport. In the Cricket competition we lost in the final, somewhat decisively, to Calverts, but we won the Lower School Athletics Shield, together with the Chess and Fives competitions. We were placed first and second in the Upper and Lower School Work and Conduct Shields respectively, a most gratifying accomplishment. Special mention is due to J. T. Farrand and J. J. Hanson who left the School after giving invaluable service to the House.

In the Autumn Term we made an improvement in the Upper School Boxing competition, but the few members of quality were not backed up by quantity. This applies to practically all House competitions. We were runners-up in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield due mainly to the many plus points so admirably gained by the House, and not to the ever-present few who lack House spirit. The Lower School did not maintain this standard, but I hope that they will make a real concerted effort in the coming term to regain supremacy in their section of the School.

We can start the Spring Term with good prospects of success ahead in nearly all competitions, both in the Upper and Lower School.

I should like to congratulate N. A. Fuller on his appointments as School Captain and as Captain of Rugby. Thanks are due to A. E. Morris, the Vice-Captain, and to N. J. Godman, the House-recorder, for their able support.

In conclusion, I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. Hewson and Mr. Campbell for their valuable assistance and keen interest in all House affairs.

J. B. DAVIES, *Captain.*

JOBLINGS

A mediocre Summer Term record completed an otherwise pleasing year for Joblings, but the Autumn Term brought us disappointment when we finished 6th in the Upper School Boxing, a most disheartening start to the new year. Nevertheless the House did show some promising aspects which augur well for next term.

A number of our members showed an unwillingness or apathy to co-operate, as proved by our outstandingly low entry in the Upper School Boxing. We also found, as usual, that a very small group was consistently in trouble and losing points heavily, although in comparison with the other Houses we lost the least points for conduct. If this better standard is maintained the House should be able to improve its position.

At this point I have to repeat my predecessor's reason for the lack of progress shown—that is, a deficiency in the total of plus points for work, apparently only to be overcome by a real and conscious effort on the part of every boy in the House.

In pleasing contrast, a keen and beneficial interest in House affairs has been shown by many. Among senior boys I must mention Cleveland, Mercer, J., and Geer, and in the Lower School, Baker, D., for his excellent total of plus points.

I have been fortunate to have as House-recorder, B. A. Boyers, a most able and efficient helper, while B. L. Waldman showed an enthusiasm that resulted in his appointment as Vice-Captain at the end of term.

I would in conclusion thank Mr. Barling and Mr. Nicholas for their help and interest, and I hope that in the Spring Term we shall repay this with progress and results.

K. A. THOMPSON, *Captain.*

MEADOWS

Firstly, I should like to extend a welcome to those boys for whom the Autumn Term was their first, and to wish all good luck to two members—C. L. Byerley and R. J. Fairley, who left us at Christmas. Their loss will be felt especially in the field of Sport.

Meadows House enjoyed only a moderate Summer, due not to the weather but to the general apathy of a considerable section of its members. Apart from our winning the Swimming Gala and deservedly coming third in the Athletics Competition, our position in the Dunton Shield Competition dropped to fourth, and the Summer Term is, I feel, best forgotten.

The Autumn Term began, it seems, with New Year School Resolutions. In work both Upper and Lower School Houses took third place, and the conduct of the House, with the exception of one or two individuals, suddenly improved considerably. Indeed, by the end of the term only one Upper School House had fewer detentions, and the Lower School members were first with only six detentions between them. In Sport, too, the House seemed to rouse itself to some extent, for, in spite of the usual lack of keenness to enter the Upper School Boxing Competition, we managed to secure second place. These combinations of second and third positions gained us first place in the Dunton Shield for the term, to Mr. Crossman's delighted surprise !

Our position is, however, precarious to say the least. Although some efforts have been made during the past term, they must be still greater in all respects if we are to stand any chance of remaining on top. It is to be hoped that no member of the House will fail to do his utmost, to the best of his ability, in what promises to be our most successful year for some considerable time.

F. J. KENT, *Captain.*

RUSSELLS

“ For men to search their glory is not glory.”

As modesty is not a prominent characteristic of House reports, it is most suitable that a captain should report on the previous year's Summer and overall results. It is also pleasant to express hopes for the present year without having to report on many actual results.

In the Lower School, although we had no outstanding athletes, we won the Work and Conduct Shield convincingly, R. L. Sekulin gaining most plus-points for work. In the Rowing competition (captain—D. Kealey) we lost to Strouts in the final and were also runners-up at Fives (captain—C. Bryant). We were third in the Swimming competition (captain—A. Snowman) and won the Thomas Arno Cup, through the successes of V. F. V. Savarese, who also won the Care Cup. As regards Cricket (captain—F. L. Gardner), we beat Joblings but lost to Calverts, the eventual winners. Although not conspicuous in the sporting sphere we were second in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield, M. J. Hitchcock gaining most plus-points, and second in the Dunton Shield showing an all-round competence and good captaincy by F. L. Gardner.

In this present school year we have, likewise, not been successful so far in sport but, nevertheless, finished the Autumn Term by being second in the Dunton Shield. This is mainly the result of winning both the Work and Conduct Shields, R. L. Sekulin and L. Chin being prominent in scoring plus points. Unfortunately, these shields were won by work rather than by conduct. This balance must be redressed in the future by decreasing the number of minus-points.

I am grateful for the guiding hand of Mr. Knight and I thank A. Snowman (vice-captain), M. E. Brown (recorder) and the captains of the various sports for their support.

R. HOWELL, *Captain.*

STROUTS

Since the last report there has been a general rise in standard of sporting activities in the House ; but with regard to work and conduct it would appear that there remains considerable room for improvement.

At the end of the Summer Term we were 4th in the Crossman Shield and held the same position in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield. In the Lower School the House was a fairly satisfactory 3rd.

Hendersons "knocked us out" in the second round of the Cricket but our position in the Crossman Shield would no doubt have been lower had it not been for the magnificent performances in Tennis and Swimming. In the former a complete victory was ours—Supran winning the singles and, with Walker, winning the doubles. As for the latter, a close 2nd was largely due to Oppenheimer, Fewkes and Routley. Success by winning two cups in the relays, however, lightened our disappointment. The House finished a close 3rd in the Dunton Shield competition after a very eventful year.

Last term, after a resounding victory in the Upper School Boxing, the House did badly in work and conduct. Due to this, our position in the Dunton Shield competition was 3rd only, whilst in the Crossman Shield we were 1st.

For the future we have our hopes and fears but personally I feel it is the spirit in a House that counts, not its achievements. We, like others, must learn to work and play for the joy of competition, not merely as part of a dull yearly routine.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Pask for his unfailing interest in our activities, to Routley, the House Vice-Captain, who takes responsibility for Strouts affairs in spite of all his other activities, and to Oppenheimer, who, as Recorder, has a task of considerable magnitude in recording the progress of the House.

C. J. NASH, *Captain.*

Inter-House Competitions, 1953-54

THE DUNTON SHIELD FOR WORK AND CONDUCT COMBINED

1. HENDERSONS	2320 points.	4. JOBLINGS	1990 points.
2. RUSSELLS	2052 „	5. MEADOWS	1906 „
3. STROUTS	2049 „	6. CALVERTS	1664 „

THE UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

1. HENDERSONS	2129 points.	4. STROUTS	1805 points.
2. RUSSELLS	1957 „	5. JOBLINGS	1668 „
3. MEADOWS	1956 „	6. CALVERTS	784 „

THE CROSSMAN SHIELD FOR GAMES

1. CALVERTS	112 points.	4. STROUTS	85.5 points.
2. HENDERSONS	102 „	5. MEADOWS	72.5 „
3. JOBLINGS	94 „	6. RUSSELLS	65.5 „

These were the *final* House positions at the end of the year.

Inter-House Competitions, 1954-55

THE DUNTON SHIELD

1. MEADOWS	398 points.	4. HENDERSONS	365 points.
2. RUSSELLS	385 „	5. CALVERTS	337 „
3. STROUTS	380 „	6. JOBLINGS	260 „

THE UPPER SCHOOL WORK AND CONDUCT SHIELD

1. RUSSELLS	773 points.	4. STROUTS	636 points.
2. HENDERSONS	735 „	5. CALVERTS	469 „
3. MEADOWS	662 „	6. JOBLINGS	426 „

THE CROSSMAN SHIELD FOR GAMES

1. STROUTS	20 points.	4. HENDERSONS	8 points.
2. MEADOWS	16 „	5. RUSSELLS	4 „
3. CALVERTS	12 „	6. JOBLINGS	0 „

These were the House positions at the end of the Autumn Term, 1954.

Combined Cadet Force

The Contingent was inspected on the 28th May by Air Vice-Marshal T. N. McEvoy, C.B., C.B.E., accompanied by Lt.-Col. the Rt. Hon. the Lord Moynihan, O.B.E., and Cdr. (S) H. Prevett, O.B.E., R.N. The occasion was made an Open Day for parents and proved a great success.

During the training year ending in August 1954, the following examination results were obtained :—

R.N. Proficiency Test : 9.

Certificate "A", Part 1 : 138.

Certificate "A", Part 2 : 63.

R.A.F. Proficiency Test : 20.

R.A.F. Advanced Training Examination : 10.

230 cadets attended Annual Training, the R.N. Section in H.M.S. *Duchess* and H.M.S. *Redpole*, the Arms Section at Stanford and the R.A.F. Section at Oakington.

In November a Guard of Honour, drawn from all three sections of the Contingent, had the distinction of being inspected by the Lord Mayor of London on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Haberdashers' Hall.

At the beginning of the new training year the strength of the Contingent increased to 13 officers and 430 cadets, a record number and more than double the Contingent strength five years ago.

A cordial welcome is extended to S/L. K. M. Beynon, who has returned from the U.S.A., to Lt. R. D. Baynes who has joined the Contingent from Denstone College C.C.F., to F/O. B. Goater who has been transferred from the R.A.F. and to C.P.O. Holmes, B.E.M., late of H.M.S. *Ganges*.

Congratulations are extended to the following cadets :

Cpls. Allwright and Pannell, on gaining admission to the R.M.A., Sandhurst ; I./Cadet Ginn, on gaining admission to the R.A.F. College, Cranwell ; Cadets Langmead and Woodford on being awarded Maintenance Scholarships to the R.A.F. College, Cranwell ; Cpls. Godman, Hingley, Hunter and Summers on winning Flying Scholarships ; Cpl. Parker, on winning his second "Schools 100" badge at Bisley ; C.S.M. Barrow, on winning a bronze medal in the Spencer Mellish Cup competition at Bisley ; S/Cadet Richardson, for having tied for top place in the N.S.R.A. Schools competition with a total possible score ; Sgt. Bragg, on winning a silver medal for the best all-round cadet at an R.E.M.E. course in August ; Cpl. Oppenheimer, on winning a bronze medal for the third best cadet at a similar course in January ; C.S.M. Perkins, on gaining 2nd place in the Drum Majors' competition at the Hornchurch Open Band Contest ; W.O. Jones, on being appointed Senior Cadet at the R.A.F. Summer Camp ; Cadet Barber, on winning the Contingent Recruits' Cup.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

This year has unquestionably been one of good fortune for the R.N. Section. We are very lucky in now having the permanent services of C.P.O. Holmes who has served for many years at the boy's training school, H.M.S. *Ganges*.

The Section now has a brand new whaler, moored at the Welsh Harp, complete with oars and sailing equipment. We can now look forward to many enjoyable and instructive Friday afternoons pulling and sailing.

Lt. Hickman is to be sincerely congratulated on his well-deserved promotion.

In the Summer Term we were lucky enough to spend a field day on a frigate in the Solent. We travelled down on Thursday night and slept on H.M.S. *Dido* getting up early in the morning to be transported by an M.F.V. to the frigate which was in the Solent. It is generally agreed that this is the best and most profitable way of spending field day.

In the Autumn the Section, for the first time, was split up for field day because of its increased size. The Starboard Watch visited the fire fighting station at Portsmouth, H.M.S. *Phoenix*; and the Port Watch were instructing in coxing and pulling a whaler, on the Thames from H.M.S. *President*.

Promotions: To P.O.s: Bartlett, Kipps. To L/S.: Berkeley, Fewkes, Horrocks, Pankhurst, Sholl, Yeadon. To A/B.: Baker.

NAVAL CAMP, SUMMER, 1954

Summer camp this year gave us the invaluable experience of a long sea cruise from Portsmouth to Rothesay, Scotland, in frigate H.M.S. *Redpole*.

ARMY SECTION

The Summer Term was a full one. The Annual Inspection, Field Day, the Guard of Honour for Commendation Day, shooting at Bisley, the Hornchurch Band Contest and preparations for the Certificate "A" examinations, kept all cadets busy.

150 cadets attended annual camp at Stanford where the wild country, the excellent demonstrations and the first-class organisation within the camp combined to make Stanford the best camp the Contingent has attended.

The following cadets have attended courses :—

Junior Leaders' Course: Sgts. Curtis, Davies, Morris, Cpls. Mercer, Ogden, Reilly.

Signals Classification: L/Cpl. Weston, Cadet Michael.

Drill Courses: L/Cpls. Leverton, Tappin, Cadets Barnes, Cann, Clements, Davis, Michael, Ridgley, Shaw.

Automobile Engineering: Sgt. Bragg, Cpl. Oppenheimer.

Armourers' Course: Cadet Hay.

Promotions:

To C.S.M.: Howell, Kent, McLaren.

To C.Q.M.S.: Lang.

To Sgt.: Bragg, Boyers, Cleveland, Curtis, Davies, Dichlian, Humby, Morris, Snowman, Stacey, White.

To Cpl.: Aust, Bancroft, Beddison, Beddow, Bowen, Chapman, Clifford, Flatto, Handscombe, Leverton, Mann, McLaren, Mercer, Morton, Ogden, Oppenheimer, Pearson, Reilly, Tappin, Ward.

To L/Cpl.: Allen, Alford, Bishop, Blount, Boatman, Byerley, Collins, Davies, Evans, Fagan, Gaunt, Geer, Goldman, Hudson, Humphrey, Lansdell, Lipton, Loh, Musk, Muteau, Parker, Pearce, Ridge, Robinson, Rothwell, Solomons, Stacey, Stoddard, Vacher, Walker, Wesson, Weston, Wheal, White.

R.A.F. SECTION

The Summer Term, 1954, was full of activity, in fact, so much so that the training programme was more than a little disrupted. However, 10 cadets were entered for the Advanced Training Examination in July, all of whom passed, two with credit. The unit was split into two groups for Field Day, one party went to R.A.F. West Malling and the other to R.A.F. Biggin Hill. Both parties were airborne in the customary 61 Group Ansons.

The Annual Inspection this year was unofficial, the senior Inspecting Officer being Air Vice-Marshal McEvoy. The A.V.M. was very impressed with the high standard of training in the squadron and complimented the instructors accordingly. That the unit is also capable of smartness, good drill and first-class markmanship was evidenced by the fact that it won the Inter-Section Competition.

The Summer Camp was held at R.A.F. Oakington, near Cambridge. On the whole the camp was rather scrappy since the permanent staff of the station were away for the August Grant, whilst the instructors, on the whole, had rather scant knowledge of the subjects that they were expected to teach. All cadets were airborne (from a private aerodrome on the other side of Cambridge) in Ansons. Two N.C.O.s, for the first time in the history of the unit, also had 25 minute flights in jet aircraft, Vampire T.11s. Several cadets passed the R.A.F. Marksman's Test and many obtained Swimming Proficiency Certificates.

The start of the Autumn Term heralded the return of S/L. Beynon who, much to the regret of the Squadron, has transferred to the Orderly Room to assist the Commanding Officer. We also welcome F/O. Goater to the Squadron, which now has a record number of 82 cadets. Air Vice-Marshal McEvoy paid a return visit at the beginning of the Term in order to answer questions about National Service and to inspect the unit. For Field Day the unit was split into three parties; the senior cadets went to R.A.F. Henlow and the other two parties went to R.A.F. Hendon, where 3 cadets enjoyed a 5-hour night flight, and R.A.F. Kenley. In

December 6 cadets sat for the Advanced Training Examination and 8 for the Proficiency ; of the total, all of whom passed, only 3 failed to obtain credits. "This is an outstanding achievement and reflects great credit upon the instructors and cadets concerned," to quote a letter of congratulation received from 61 Group.

Cpl. Gardner has been nominated for an Overseas Flight, and is at present speculating as to his destination. Sgt. Barnfather obtained his "C" Gliding Certificate, whilst F/Sgt. Battson, S/Cdts. Fox, Packman, Parker, Hunter and L/Cdt. Thompson passed the "B" Test. All these were obtained at No. 125 Gliding School, Langley.

In ending these notes I should like to thank F/Lt. Carrington for the hard work that he has put in for the squadron, also F/O. Goater and Mr. Baber for improving our instructing technique.

Promotions (2/7/54) : To be Sergeant : Cpl. Secker. To be Corporals : S/Cdts. Barnfather, Bryant, Summers.

(24/9/54) : To be Squadron Warrant Officer : Sgt. Read, N. R. To be Flight Sergeants : Sgt. Lord ; Cpls. Battson, Godman. To be Sergeants : Cpls. Bryant, Barnfather, O'Brien. To be Corporals : S/Cdts. Hingley, Kealey, Brown, M., Gardner, A., Hunter, Ive, Heppner, James, Arnold.

Proficiency Certificate: Cdts. Ashford, Barber, R.*, Cohen*, Fairley*, Goldthorpe*, Pardey, Purchase*, Smith, M.**

Advanced Training: L/Cdts. Fitzgerald, Fox*, Hatfield, Packman, Parker*, Stark*.*

**Denotes Pass with Credit.*

Special Service Unit

The normal training programme has been followed and an Advanced Course in First Aid has been successfully completed by J. J. Holland, M. C. Ryan, J. M. Deaner, J. C. Barker, E. O. McInnes, N. J. Readman, S. Sebba, R. M. Ullman.

At the same examination the following received their Elementary Certificates: A. Beck, A. M. Boxer, M. R. Rose, J. T. Farrand, R. W. Thompson, W. O. McInnes, R. W. Brown.

Since then another Elementary Course has been taken but results have not yet been received. This latter course has been directed by K. A. Thompson who has been assisted by J. J. Holland, J. M. Deaner, and J. C. Barker serving as instructors. Mr. Delight has taken charge of a Fitness Group in the Gym. During the winter Mr. Thomas has taken charge of a group on Musical Appreciation, and a parallel group has heard about work being done by various organisations catering for youth, in particular the Outward Bound Sea and Mountain Schools and the Youth Hostels Association. This same group has now started on a systematic course in Camp Craft which will culminate in a weekend camp

during the Summer Term, possibly associated with a course in Rock Climbing and Canoeing.

Another group, making a special study of citizenship attended a Conference on "The Colombo Plan" arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and a Brains Trust on "Parliament" arranged by the Hansard Society.

A number of boys have given service for the School in the following ways:—

Stage construction work: Ryan, Boxer, Holland, Ebel, Todorovic, Szmidla, Leff, Rose, Ridge.

Garden: Farrand, Elstein, Waldman, Dunstone.

Printing Shop: Long, Lewis, Hitchcock, Soldan.

Library: Neale, Muchin, Hoare.

The following boys have served on the Council of the Unit: N. A. Fuller, M. F. Neale, K. A. Thompson.

The following have served as Section Leaders: Fuller, Ryan, Mushin, Sebba, Farrand, Hitchcock, Robinson, Robson.

J.W.D.

Aeronautical Club

Although it has only been in existence for the past two terms, the Aero Club has become one of the most active of the Upper School societies and has over 35 members. During the first term of the club's existence some interesting lectures were given. C. Craig spoke on "Aircraft Camouflage," Rushworth gave a demonstration of Jetex model aircraft, and Mr. Baber related some of his wartime experiences.

Mr. H. Lear, our first president, left the school at the end of the Summer Term and Mr. Baber became our president.

C. Craig was elected general secretary, P. Moran assistant secretary, and A. D. Ritchie treasurer.

The Summer Term ended with the showing of the film, "Highlights of Farnborough, 1951", and the annual Commendation Day exhibition.

Our exhibition was seen by most of the visitors and many expressed admiration for the fine models displayed. Our thanks are due to H. Blunt & Son, of Mill Hill, Broadway, for the loan of models, and to all the members who lent models and other exhibits.

A more ambitious programme of films was enjoyed during the Autumn Term, and among those shown were "Flight for Tomorrow", "Vickers Valiant", and a very interesting documentary, "Powered Flight".

We are indebted to Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd. and to Petroleum Films Bureau for the loan of films, to Mr. Payne for permission to use the Physics Lecture Theatre, and to Mr. Appleby and Hingley for operating the projector.

P. MORAN, *Asst. Hon. Sec.*

Biology Society

As in past years the activities of the society were divided into sections with the addition of the Aquarium and Photographic Sections, which have proved very successful. A variety of photomicrographs were taken of plant sections, whilst a young brood of dwarf gourami were raised very satisfactorily in the aquarium. During the winter the activities of the Limnological Section are curtailed, but a preliminary survey was made earlier in the term under Mr. Goater.

Three members have given talks, each of which was of a high standard. C. Bryant spoke on "Early Man". He traced the evolution of man with special reference to examples of skulls. C. Ridge gave a lecture on "Metamorphosis in Lepidoptera" in which an outline of the life histories and stages of metamorphosis were given. N. J. Godman spoke on "The Physiological Problems of Flight" and dealt mainly with the effects of high speed and high altitude flying on the human body.

Two evenings were devoted to the showing of films; one on Plant Pests and the other on the Frog. At the remaining meetings, besides sectional activities, members were able to finish any practical work not completed in class time.

The enthusiasm of our chairman, J. B. Davies, has been reflected in the success of the term's activities, which is also largely due to the help and encouragement we have received from Mr. Savory and Mr. Goater.

M. L. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Camera Club

At the first meeting of the School Year, the following officials were elected: K. A. Flatto, hon. secretary; J. H. Rose, vice-secretary; and M. J. Tarlow, librarian.

We have continued the success so ably maintained under our former secretary, C. M. Cummings. Weekly meetings have been held and regularly attended with increasing enthusiasm by a growing membership.

Further additions have been made to the club library, and information is now available to club members on a variety of subjects.

The Club wishes to record its gratitude for the instructive and interesting lectures given by members since the last report. We are also indebted to Messrs. A. P. Rouse, R. Keevil, K. M. Beynon and the Headmaster for their most useful guidance and information given in their respective lectures.

An innovation this year was the projection of Film Strips kindly provided, with accompanying scripts, by Messrs. Kodak Ltd., for which we thank them most sincerely.

Looking forward, it is proposed to hold a competition in conjunction with the display for Commendation Day. Entry will

be open to all members of the School and Staff. Prints will be judged by J. V. Spalding, A.R.P.S., and small prizes will be awarded.

Finally, we must thank our President, A. P. Rouse, Esq., for the continued interest he has taken in the Club and for the time he has spent in supervising the weekly enlarging periods.

K. A. FLATTO, *Hon. Sec.*

Chess Club

This year the team has had a successful season in both Finchley and London Leagues, losing only one match, against William Ellis School, our traditional rivals, on whom, however, we later avenged ourselves as may be seen from the results in the table below :—

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	LEAGUE
Sept. 24	Willesden County School	W 4½—1½	London
Oct. 12	Hendon Grammar School	W 5½—½	Finchley
Oct. 18	Haberdashers' Aske's (Hatcham)	W 5—1	London
Oct. 22	Christ's College, Finchley	W 4—2	Finchley
Nov. 12	William Ellis School	L 2—4	Finchley
Nov. 19	Tollington School	W 6—0	Finchley
Nov. 23	Mill Hill School (U.16)	L 2—4	Friendly
Nov. 26	William Ellis School	W 4—2	London
Dec. 3	A. Hall, Esq.	L 6½—14½	Simultaneous
Dec. 14	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	W 4—2	Finchley
Dec. 21	Midland Bank	L 2½—3½	National Club
Jan. 21	Finchley Catholic G.S.	W 6—0	Finchley
Jan. 28	Highgate School	W 5—1	London
Feb. 4	Woodhouse Grammar School	W 5½—½	Finchley
Feb. 18	Westminster City School	W 6—0	London
Mar. 8	City of London School	W 4½—1½	London

In these last two matches additional "friendly" games were also played; four (Won 4—0) against W.C.S., and three (Lost ½—2½) against C.L.S.

Total: (Official): Played 14, Won 12, Lost 2.

The regular School team has been O'Brien (capt.), Lipton, Fuller, Deaner, Rose and Stark. Robinson, Tarlow and Mushin have also represented the school in league matches.

This season has seen the rebirth of the Chess Club as such. The ladder competition was started last term, and has already 50 interchanging rungs. This term a school tournament was inaugurated, consisting of two preliminary K.O. rounds and a final all-play-all among the 10 remaining competitors. This year the destination of the Batty Cup is being decided, according to the donor's intentions, by a house competition among teams of three. A 25-board match against William Ellis School, which it is hoped to repeat shortly, a simultaneous display by A. Hall, Esq., and Lud Eagle Club's Junior Day were among the year's special events. This year, for the first time, the School entered 2 teams of 8 in the Junior Postal Chess League, in the first division of which the School gained fourth place last season. Three entries were received for the London Boys' Championship, Lipton tied for second place with 7½ points, Fuller scored 6 points and Stark 5½ points—a most

encouraging result for the School. O'Brien, Lipton, Fuller, Stark and Tarlow have represented Middlesex this season in both Senior and Junior matches. As the School deemed by the British Chess Federation to have shown the greatest improvement during the current season, we have been awarded a prize consisting of a book, "Modern Chess Openings," and a small but handsome shield, which are now permanent features of the Chess Library and the Assembly Hall decorations respectively.

It is hoped to include in the near future some or all of the following : Parents', Masters' and Old Boys' matches, a School Lightning Tournament, a Kriegspiel evening, lectures and discussions on Chess and further simultaneous displays.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Griffiths for giving up so many of his evenings for the sake of the team and the club, and also the kitchen staff for the excellent teas that they have provided frequently at odd hours and unreasonably short notice.

E. J. O'BRIEN, *Capt.*

Christian Union

As stated in our last report, the leadership of the Union has been taken over by Ward and White. We now meet seven times a week—in the lunch-hour on Mondays, when we have a visiting speaker or film; on Tuesdays for Bible Study; and on Thursdays for the weekly prayer meeting; as well as a prayer meeting before school four mornings a week. We would like to thank Mr. Delight, our recently inaugurated President, for his unfailing support.

The spiritual progress of the Union has been quite encouraging and I am sure that a few boys benefited from our two visits to Harringay and the one to Wembley to hear Billy Graham. We look forward to visiting Wembley in May to hear Billy Graham once again. We have had some interesting speakers at our Monday meetings but one particular highlight was the showing of the film "Oiltown, U.S.A.", procured by the Union, to the whole of the Upper School. Mr. Payne, the projectionist, and an Old Boy of the School assure me that it was one of the most critical performances ever.

Five of our seven meetings are devoted to prayer and so we would ask interested parents and friends to pray that we may succeed in our chief aim—to bring boys to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

D. J. L. WARD.

"The Christmas Islanders"

The policy of the Society during the Autumn and Spring Terms of this year has been to invite speakers both from the staff and from outside the School to talk on subjects upon which they are acknowledged authorities ; at the same time it has not neglected the aim to stimulate the creative activity of the members themselves.

The Autumn programme was appropriately opened by the

Headmaster who spoke on the subject of Ethics. He entitled his talk "Bonus, Bona, Bonum", and it took the form of an investigation of the origins of this branch of philosophy in Greece. The talk was, to most of those present, an introduction to the problems encountered in Ethics and was followed by a keen discussion. We hope that in a future meeting this introduction may be extended to a more detailed study. On October 28th Mr. T. H. Savory gave a lucid and humorous talk on "The Language of Science". He accounted for the development of the vocabulary and language of scientists in various fields of study and outlined the special qualities demanded by scientific investigation. This was followed by a paper called "The Literature of Utopia", read by S. P. R. Rose of 6A Science. He gave most attention to the modern attempts to envisage the future—to the "anti-Utopias" of Orwell and Huxley as well as the Utopias of Wells. Rose's paper was notable particularly for the comparisons he drew between these modern works and the general development of the Utopian tradition in literature. At the final meeting of the term we welcomed one of our most fascinating speakers, Mr. Iain Hamilton, lecturer in orchestration at the Morley College of Music and a rising critic and composer, who spoke on "Music in the Nineteenth Century—Romanticism and Nationalism". Illustrating his talk with records, he showed the dependence of nineteenth-century composers on cultural and political trends. At the same time he showed by his enthusiasm for the music of the period that "the music is the thing", and thus an influence upon a composer is only an additional and fascinating factor.

In the Spring Term at our first meeting we heard the first in a series of papers in which it is planned to present "Great Books" of past and contemporary literature. J. M. Hoare opened this series with a paper on "The Study of History", the recently completed work of Arnold Toynbee. Confronted with a difficult ask, Hoare's paper carried the audience, with admirable discrimination, its theories put forward by Professor Toynbee, he first outlined the position of Toynbee's ideas in Metahistory, and then went on to an assessment of his method and conclusions. The Society's most recent meeting was the Members' Night when poems by J. Ridge and M. Lipton were introduced and read by the authors and then offered to the audience for criticism. In a similar manner A. G. Richardson showed some of his own paintings and, in addition, paintings from a recent exhibition of Children's Art. Both poetry and paintings provoked lively criticism which was of value both to the creators and the critics. The Society's programme for this term has not yet been completed and we look forward to "An Essay in Social and Political Theory" to be given by P. Oppenheimer on the 24th of February; a talk on "Humour" by Mr. Paul Jennings on the 10th of March and finally a paper on "The Novels of T. H. White" by M. Lipton on 24th March.

The Society's thanks are due to those who have prepared papers

and talks with such worthy results and to the members of the Staff who have taken the chair at the meetings. Most of the meetings have been well attended and those who have taken part can testify to the stimulating standard of performance and discussion that the Society attains.

A. G. RICHARDSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Debating Society

During the Autumn Term only two meetings were held. The subjects dealt with were Mathematics and Science, and Hell and Heaven.

The first motion, Mr. Lipton's, stated, but in the society's opinion failed to prove, that Science proved and Mathematics stated, nothing. Although the proposer upheld scientific method, he declared that scientific proof was based on the unfounded conviction that past experimental conditions and conclusions held good for the future, while mathematics consisted of various complications of $x=x$. Unfortunately, an attempt was made to blind the House with some simplified science which tended to make the debate undesirably involved. The House eventually decided that belief involved faith and that although it admitted the proposer's ideas as possible, it had no faith in them.

The second debate, Mr. Rose's, suggested, nay, stated, that it was more desirable to sing in Hell than to sing in Heaven. This brought forth comments on the Ancient Greeks, Buddhism, Sir Gerald Kelly and, rather obviously, choristers. Not altogether surprisingly the army and certain actresses also achieved mention. Certain curious confusions were occasioned by these factors and actors—for instance, between Helen of Troy and Hell, bliss and ecstasy, and Mr. Bragg and the Recording Angel. Truly it may be said of this debate that much that was said was irreverent, although little was relevant. The motion was rejected, but this does not necessarily mean that the House is contemplating amalgamation with the Boat Club. (Readers, if any, should please allow that this was topical at the time of composition.)

Our thanks are again due to Mr. White for acting as patron and our few regulars for their support. There have, admittedly, been refreshing signs of late that the Society is ceasing to be a small and self-contained clique. Members of the School should really try it. There is no subscription; standing orders are few and lax, and fun, if at times somewhat unintellectual, is to be had from almost every debate. Additional attractions will include—if members wish—hat debates, balloon debates, inter-school debates, a general lowering of the tone of the society, a general raising of the tone of the society, the leader (Mr. Humphrey), the Chairman of Committees (Mr. Lipton) and the Clerk. This is above all a *democratic* society.

M. E. BROWN, *Hon. Sec.*

Dramatic Society

The production of Ibsen's play, "An Enemy of the People", was a new venture for the Society and it was, therefore, with some misgivings—forcefully expressed in some more conservative quarters—that the cast applied itself to its task. For some of the older hands, however, the study of a play in modern language came as a refreshing change from that of Shakespeare, and probably most members would agree that this experiment was worthwhile. From the beginning support for the undertaking came only slowly and it was decided that costs would have to be reduced to minimum. All clothing and properties, therefore, had to be "begged, borrowed, or otherwise obtained" by individual members, and on behalf of the society as a whole I would like to thank those outside supporters for their generosity, and to all who made this year's play a success.

Also during the Autumn Term members of the Society paid visits, arranged by Mr. Moody, to London theatres to see performances of Shaw's "Saint Joan" and Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler".

L. G. BEDDISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Jazz Club

The Jazz Club has been meeting regularly over the past two terms on Mondays in the dinner hour. Though the two terms have been different in many ways, they have been enjoyable and worthwhile. With L. B. Joseph as secretary, the policy was largely a modernist one with one or two traditional programmes per term, but in the Autumn and Spring Terms a definite traditional line is being taken. It is thought that this is the best solution, for there seems to be little demand for the more modern style now, this being catered for by two or three programmes per term.

The highlight of last Summer Term was the unexpected and welcome visit of Mr. H. Lear, a member of the School staff, who was prevailed upon to present a programme of his own records. This meeting attracting the best audience of the term. Unfortunately, Mr. Lear has left, so staff patronage is denied us once more.

With the beginning of the new year and a new policy, membership has increased and there is a group of enthusiasts who attend regularly, the average attendance being 20-25. Club meetings are now not so haphazard as they were—a definite subject being allotted to each programme and a speaker to introduce the particular instrumentalist or style chosen. The Club now receives magazines regularly and hopes to start a small library for the use of members.

May I conclude this review of two terms' successful work by thanking Messrs. Moody and Craig for their patience in allowing us to use their rooms, Mr. Small for the continued use of the gramophone, those members who have loaned records and finally my predecessor in L. B. Joseph for his good work in getting the Jazz Club firmly on its feet.

P. J. S. VACHER, *Hon. Sec.*

Motor Enthusiasts' Club

The Summer Term commenced and terminated very successfully with weekly film shows. Most of the films were on the B.R.M.s and these were kindly provided by the Owen Organisation.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. E. Tinto, Assistant Secretary Owen Racing Motor Association, for his help and encouragement during our B.R.M. Month and our successful B.R.M. display on Commendation Day. The B.R.M. parts and action photos were loaned to us by O.R.M.A., whom we thank for their greatly appreciated assistance.

The Autumn brought a new era in the history of the club, as its two founder committee members (P. J. Jarritt and C. M. Cummins) and our enthusiastic President (Mr. V. C. Osborn) left us, and a new committee took control with the support of the new President—Mr. R. Keevil.

During the Autumn and Spring Terms we have met regularly, although our meeting day had to be changed from Tuesday to Monday. At every meeting we have shown films and up to the time of writing fifteen films have been booked for showing or already shown. For these we must thank Shell-Mex & B.P. Ltd., and Esso Ltd., and also Mr. Appleby and C. G. Hingley for operating the projector so efficiently.

As a result of this our membership is now over 40 and still increasing. Among the films for the future are : "Mediterranean-Cape Rally" and "Motor Cycle Logbook 1954".

If there is sufficient demand by members, the club will arrange outings to some motor race meetings this year, and while this is being written we are trying to get Don Parker to come and give a talk to us on motor racing in general.

Lastly, I would like to take this chance of thanking Mr. R. Keevil for acting as our President, C. M. Cummins for the continued interest he has shown in the club and for keeping us supplied with latest car news, and G. Charlesworth for his advice.

R. HESSELBERGER, *Hon. Sec.*

Upper School Natural History Society

INDOOR MEETINGS

These meetings consisted entirely of film shows. During the term six films were shown on varied topics. They included an outline of life on a Canadian marsh, peculiarities of the Australian flora and fauna, and also informative films on Leather Jackets and Apple Aphids.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

The first meeting of the term was held on the Monday of Half Term, November 1st, at Cliffe Marshes in North Kent. Nine members attended. The weather was favourable for our long trek across uninteresting countryside, but enthusiasm was raised by the fair number of birds seen. These included Sheld Duck, Wigeon, Turnstone, Teal, White Fronted Goose and Grey Plover.

Three meetings were held in the Christmas holidays. That held at Perry Oaks was marred by rain but rewarding, inasmuch as two Golden Eye were seen on Staines Reservoir later in the day. At the Hammersmith meeting a Great Northern Diver was the attraction, together with the spectacular sight of some 500 duck.

BRENT RESERVOIR DUCK SURVEY

The survey has now entered its fourth year. Several counts were made during the Autumn Term and Christmas holidays by members of the Society. A number of interesting species were seen, including Red-throated Diver, Cormorant, Jack Snipe and Glaucous Gull.

The numbers of Smew and Pochard were normal for the time of year, but Tufted Duck were rather more numerous than usual—a total of 73 being seen on January 9th. The flocking of Dabchicks, which had occurred to such a noticeable extent in previous seasons, was not repeated this autumn.

I wish to thank our president, Mr. Small, for his valuable and sound advice. We are also greatly indebted to J. C. Lord, the past secretary, for all his work that has contributed to the smooth and successful running of the Society.

M. L. JAMES, *Hon. Sec.*

Science Society

Because of the unavoidable postponement of Mr. Payne's talk entitled "Looking back", which was to have been given at the beginning of last term, the Society's activities started somewhat later than is customary.

Three outside lecturers addressed the Society last term. They were Mr. R. J. Ashby from City and Guilds College, who spoke on "Engineering as a Career", Mr. D. Miller from Crookes Laboratories, who spoke on "Background to the Vitamins", and Mr. Dennisson, who told us about the manufacture and properties of the many different types of steel. Mr. Dennisson, who is attached to the British Iron and Steel Federation, recommended certain films produced by this organisation and it is hoped to show these this term. All three lecturers proved very interesting and well informed.

Later in the term about twenty of us were shown over the laboratories and workshops at City and Guilds College and this proved particularly beneficial to those of us who propose to take up engineering.

Last term's programme ended with a light-hearted lantern lecture on the history of science; due to Dr. White's skilful commentary and Mr. Rouse's operation of the lantern, a hilarious time was had by us all.

The only meeting so far this term has been the Social to which we were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and most of the Science Staff. After tea we went to the Hall to see the film "London Belongs to Me", starring Alistair Sim.

Attendances this year have been very good. Thirty to forty members have attended each lecture and eighty came to the Social.

Finally, I wish to record my very deep appreciation of all that Dr. White, our chairman, upon whom the chief burden of running the Society falls, does for the Society. My thanks are also offered to our president, Mr. Payne, and our treasurer, N. R. Read.

M. J. LONG, *Hon. Sec.*

Sociological Society.

As a society we aim to provide opportunities for our members to gain knowledge of the organization and workings of the community. Our activities have, as usual, covered a very wide field.

In the Autumn Term W. D. M. Oeters returned to School to give us his impressions of a visit to Canada. He told us of the development of the St. Lawrence waterways and the mineral and industrial development in other parts which, he thought, would make Canada, within a few decades, the richest country in the world. Over the Half Term a party led by Mr. Campbell toured the Whitefriars Glassworks at Wealdstone. Another party, led by Mr. Dodds, made the long journey out to Dagenham where they were shown over the Ford Motor Works. This is one of the most up to date factories in Europe.

During the Christmas holidays the Royal Mint and the printing works of the London Illustrated News were visited. A party was also shown round the Frigidaire refrigerator factory.

On the 16th February we held our annual tea and film show. An excellent cartoon film showed us how oil deposits are formed and how oil is drilled for. Our main film "The Overlanders" was a fictional film about the actual droving of cattle 1,500 miles across Australia's Northern Territory to Brisbane, during the war. Our evening ended with Charlie Chaplin's immortal film "The Tramp."

During the Spring Term Mr. Campbell secured two fine films on Atomic Power and Steel. We were shown shots of the inside of an atomic pile and were given some idea of how nuclear power is being harnessed to serve the needs of industry. Over Half Term a small party was shown around the Godfrey Philip's Cigarette Factory where they were shown new German plant that had enabled the firm to cut its manpower and its wages bill.

I should like to thank Jarman, our secretary, and Kirkby, our treasurer, for their help in running the society. Our sincere thanks are also due to Mr. Campbell who in spite of his numerous commitments finds time to take a very active interest in our society.

M. A. PHILLIPS, *Chairman.*

School Library

As usual there is nothing really startling to report. At the end of last term Fox made a determined effort to check up on all books that have been officially borrowed. It is hoped to follow this up by bringing the catalogue up to date, a task which promises to take some time, particularly since Mr. Lock's historical sub-section has now been rejoined with the library. It is now better stocked with books than at any time before and we feel sure that, if specialists refrain from building up a bookshelf of library books at home, there will be something to please practically every taste. We have to thank, amongst others, for donations or for books, J. M. Goad (O.H.), A. D. Marks (O.H.), R. E. Jefford (O.H.), N. J. P. Readman (O.H.), H. Rosenstock (O.H.), A. Hall (O.H.) and Messrs. McNair and Small.

M. F. N.

C.E.W.C.—N.W. London Inter-Schools' Group

This group links up with the following of our neighbour schools:—Copthall County, Highgate, Henrietta Barnett, Hendon County, Orange Hill, South Hampstead High, Tollington (Girls) High, Lower School of John Lyon and North London Collegiate. It aims to arrange not more than two meetings a term, in one of the constituent schools, and by so doing to assist an exchange of ideas on problems connected with world citizenship—that is citizenship in its broadest sense. Our past speakers have included the Right Hon. Patrick Gordon Walker, the Socialist Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations who spoke on "S.E. Asia" and Mr. N. H. Lever, M.P. for Cheetham, who spoke on "Capital Punishment."

The Autumn Term's activities included a debate on the motion "that this house considers Co-Education desirable" in which S. P. Rose, representing the School, spoke against the proposition. The meeting at this School when we heard an address on "The Council of Europe and the Nine Power Treaty" was thrown open to other schools as part of the groups programme.

In the Spring Term two meetings were arranged. Sir Basil Henriques, J.P., C.B.E., the well-known magistrate, spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency" at Orange Hill School on February 16th. On March 24th a meeting on Race Relations in South Africa was held at North London Collegiate School. An inter-schools social has been provisionally arranged for May 12th, to be held probably at Hendon County School.

Our activities are intended as supplementary to those conferences organised by the C.E.W.C. London District Council. We are indebted to the head-teachers of our constituent schools for their sympathetic interest and, in particular to Dr. Taylor who has twice allowed us to hold meetings at Westbere Road.

M. A. PHILLIPS,
School Representative and Chairman N.W. London, Inter-Schools Committee.

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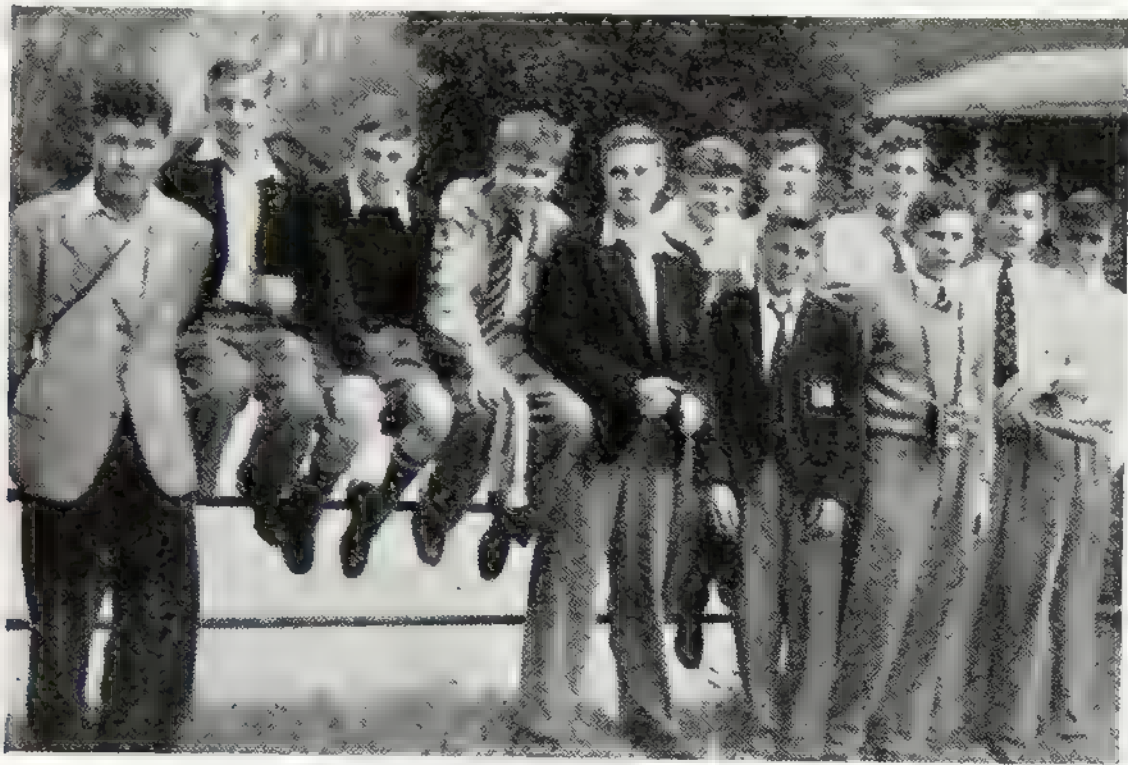
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THE LORD MAYOR LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE

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SCHOOL SUMMER PARTY IN SWITZERLAND



SKI-ING IN SWITZERLAND



Left to right: J. HODGES, P. LAWSON, R. CANN and P. BENDELL

Careers

A number of boys went on short courses sponsored by the Public Schools' Appointments Bureau during the Easter and Summer holidays, so learning through experience what industry and commerce can offer to a boy seeking a career. The two accounts printed below are of similar courses offered by two individual firms.

J. McN.

LYONS' HOLIDAY COURSE.

The first morning consisted of various interviews and a medical examination, so that we did not start work until 2 o'clock on the first day.

During the 4 weeks I worked on many different jobs, ranging from sweeping up for a whole day to a clerical job, which lasted for a week. These jobs included packing "Pola-Maids" at high speed (which meant handling 25,000 a day) sealing or labelling tins on a conveyor belt, or wheeling trucks in and out of refrigerators and loading and unloading them, an uncomfortable job at -40° Fahr. despite the fact that I was issued with overcoat, gloves and helmet.

The course itself consisted of an afternoon with the Departmental Superintendent during which he explained the Factory organisation from the lowest rung up to executive standard, and showed us round the works, explaining all the machinery and the various processes involved in production, and several shorter periods in which he told us about such things as ammonia alarm procedure, or factory regulations concerning accidents. Therefore, most of the time was spent actually working.

The hours were comparatively long, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, and to 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday to Friday. Less the two half-hour breaks for breakfast and dinner, served in reasonably good canteens at cheap prices, this amounted to a 48-hour week for which I received a basic wage of 104/- (which would have been 130/- had I been older) plus a minimum bonus of 12/-. Therefore, after deductions I earned approximately £23 in four weeks, which I consider to be quite good wages for the work involved. The factory personnel service was excellent, continually making sure that we were satisfied with the job and the conditions. Personally, I enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to anyone else, although I think that we were not on any single job long enough to get bored. If I were to go there again, my acceptance would depend on which of those various jobs I would be asked to do for any length of time.

K. A. THOMPSON, 6a *Modern*.

HOLIDAY WORKS COURSE AT HOOVER LTD.

As I have found with most things, my first real contact with industry was quite different from what I had imagined. My first impression was of the cleanliness, and comfort of the buildings and general contentment among the workers. However, later we were told that Hoovers were a most progressive firm in this and other respects, and had earned the best reputation from among surrounding factories with its employees.

The first afternoon was spent in a pleasant little office, getting to know the other four boys on the course. A short introductory talk was given by the Training Superintendent who gave us an outline of the programme and answered our questions. In the talk on personnel functions at the end of the third week we were told that all employees have similar treatment on their first day. We were given a small booklet at this lecture, which gave detailed information about life in the factory and we suggested that it would be helpful if this had been done on the first day.

The first week consisted of talks by apprentices on their own particular subjects. In general these were well put over and the apprentices seemed pleased at the chance to pass on their knowledge. The informal atmosphere at these talks dispelled any "schoolroom" feeling, and in the dinner and tea breaks we were able to chat with the apprentices on lighter topics.

At the end of each talk there was a visit to the part of the factory concerned and we soon began to see some system and organisation among the noise and bustle. In particular, the talk on machine tools enabled us to understand the principles behind the operation of what previously had seemed almost magical machines.

The third week was spent in learning about the administrative and accounting side of the firm. Personally I found this rather tedious, but at least one of the other boys thought it the best part of the course. Conversely he was bored with the machine functions and assembly lines, which I found very interesting. Thus, we realised how difficult it must be to set up such a course and the general feeling was that Hoovers had made a good job of it.

Towards the end of the fourth week we were asked if we had any suggestions which could lead to improvements in next year's course.

The main point raised was that a set programme should be arranged in the training school in the afternoons. After the introduction to some machines, we practised some lathe and engraving work. This was rather haphazardly arranged and by the end of our second week we were standing around for long periods.

We decided to see the Training Superintendent and a definite programme was arranged—two boys welding, one grinding, one turning, the other milling—as a rota. We felt that this should have been done at the start.

We also asked if a visit to the plating shop could be arranged and this was done during our last morning.

We had heard the phrase "Time Study" mentioned frequently in the talks and we asked whether a separate lecture on it could be given. At very short notice one of the time-study engineers gave a clear and often amusing insight into his work.

One item on our programme that was much appreciated was the work on the production floor during the last week. The boredom usually associated with mass-production did not come to us since we had a wide variety of jobs in a short time. However, we were able to imagine how tedious and wearisome some of the work could become if we kept at it for long.

In this account it may appear that I have brought out a fair amount of criticism. However, that is nothing compared with the praise I have for the course. I consider that four weeks' experience was of great value to me as my first view of industry.

J. J. HOLLAND.

Lauterbrunnen, 1954

On August 20th our party of 43 boys and two masters left Victoria bound for Switzerland. After crossing from Folkestone to Boulogne our route lay through France and Switzerland to our destination—Lauterbrunnen, a village in the heart of the Bernese Oberland.

After the long night journey across France we were glad to stop for a while at Basle, where, after a hurried breakfast we had time to visit the fast-flowing Rhine before resuming our journey.

Soon after leaving Interlaken our train began to wind its way up the Lauterbrunnental, one of the best known valleys in Switzerland. The further we went, the higher the mountains seemed to tower above the deep valley, and although the rain and cloud, which had followed us for much of our journey, hid the peaks, we still were awed by the magnificence of scenery, the equal of which perhaps only a few of us had seen before. The beauty of this scenery was enhanced by the waterfalls which descend all along the valley, often from cliffs 1,500 feet high.

Our hotel, the Pension Weinhalle, had a chalet attached at which the majority of the party slept, but this splitting-up proved to be of little inconvenience, and since we were able to use two table tennis tables the party speedily settled down.

It was disappointing to rise on our first day to find that it was raining, and it hurt somewhat to be told, "You have brought your English weather with you—yes?" In the morning we were visited by Mr. Pask and later in the day we walked up the valleyside to Wengen where he and Mrs. Pask were staying.

On Monday we went to the famous centre of Interlaken, situated between the lakes of Brienz and Thun, where we set about the important task of buying presents. Unfortunately, our range of choice was rather limited by the fact that the rate of exchange was against us and thus prices were on the whole rather high. However, most boys seemed to find that the well-stocked shops had some items that they liked and could also afford.

At midweek a coach excursion had been arranged for us to Lake Thun and the Kandersteg valley. Our drivers were very helpful in pointing out places of interest but, unfortunately, the cloud once more obscured the higher mountains.

At midday we stopped at the Blausee, a small lake in the valley, which is very blue and extremely clear. Braving the rain, which until then had only threatened, we were rowed round this miniature trout-filled lake the bottom of which can be clearly seen at depths of 100 feet.

In the afternoon we visited Kandersteg from where we were taken up into the clouds in a car lift which went over drops that set many an imagination "working overtime".

During our week's stay we also made excursions to the nearby winter-sports centre of Murren, to the noisy and rather terrifying Trummelbach Falls, and to Grindelwald where we ascended the valley side in the famous Firstbahn, an open chairlift.

The outing to the Jungfrauoch had, on account of the weather, been postponed until the last possible day, so that when a cloudless Friday morning dawned the party was in high spirits and full of expectation.

As our train wound its way up the steep gradients, the sheer rock faces and snow-capped peaks came gradually closer. We passed through Wengernalp, where the H.A.H.S. winter sports party had stayed earlier this year, and soon reached Kleine Scheidegg. Here we boarded the small brown train of the Jungfrau railway which was to take us up through the heart of the mountain to the Jungfrauoch, the col between the peaks of the Jungfrau and Mönch. Even in summer the carriages of this train are heated and when we reached the Jungfrauoch station, which at over 11,000 feet is the highest in Europe, we soon realised why.

The main attraction was the observatory from where there were unsurpassable views over the mountains and down the Aletsch Glacier. We visited the ice palace which has been cut out of a glacier and is used as a skating rink, saw the polar dogs and bought souvenirs at a shop, which along with a restaurant and an hotel has been built into the mountainside. When we returned to Lauterbrunnen, we all felt that this day had proved a fitting climax to our stay.

On our last evening in Switzerland we were entertained by a group of local yodellers whom the proprietress of our hotel had kindly engaged.

Our holiday ended on a perfect note, for the sun had been shining strongly all day and there were no clouds to hide views which had previously been obscured. It was very hot and we were all envious of two other parties of English students who had arrived to spend the following week at Lauterbrunnen in what promised to be excellent weather.

It would be unfair to conclude this account without paying tribute to the untiring and successful efforts of Mr. Cooper to make our holiday enjoyable. The arranging of a trip abroad with such a full programme as ours is a formidable task and both he and Mr. Browning have our grateful thanks.

A. J. BOWEN, 6a, *Mod.*

By Canoe down the River Severn

On a fine Friday evening early in September some thirty members of the Canoe Club met in the little country town of Welshpool on the upper waters of the Severn, for the start of the summer cruise. They had come by train, coach, car or cycle and were surprised to find the Headmaster and his family awaiting them on the river bank. The Head had come up from South Wales, where he had been holidaying, to give the party a send-off.

The river was at quite a good level and the following morning with tents, clothes and supplies stowed away in waterproof bags, the canoes dropped downstream one by one in line ahead, behind the two leaders in their heavily laden wooden Canadian canoe. At first a few tried to cut the corners, but it soon became evident that only by following the meandering of the deep water channel could the canoes be kept afloat. It was with some surprise that they came upon the leaders well and truly holed by a rock in the middle of the main channel, down a broken weir. The rock was removed to give a better run for the rest of the party ; the hole was patched with canvas and Bostick and the run continued. From this point the river became fuller and the shallows less frequent, but there remained the need for vigilance, particularly near to bridges, where are found the foundations of earlier bridges.

The nights were spent under canvas, usually at a spot chosen for some local amenity, a good landing, easy access to milk and water supplies, an interesting town or village, or just a charming situation. The weather, judged on 1954 standards, was quite good, and, although rain was not unknown, it never rained all day, nor were we ever forced to make or break camp in the rain. Looking back at the trip, a number of incidents stand out like milestones of interest ; the camp in the meadow below the ancient city of Shrewsbury, where we spent an evening sightseeing and a morning shopping before making the portage down the huge weir below the town ; the lovely woodland glade in Arley Park where we pitched our tents not far from some old rock dwellings, carved out of the solid sandstone bluff by someone long since passed on, and now used by sheep or swine as night shelters. It was here that we had our best camp fire singsong and next morning found the pigs still asleep in their rock houses, lying side by side and reminding one of the sheep in the cave of Cyclops ; the horse at Montford Bridge, which, filled with curiosity, put its head inside one of the tents, panicked and bolted with the tent streaming out behind it like a kite, to be dropped, at last, a tattered memory of what it had been ; the little incident of the uncooked fish heads which found their way into someone's sleeping bag and caused some disturbance ; the Abbey ruins at Buildwas ; Ironbridge, with its famous old bridge built by Telford, and almost equally famous local worthy, Harry Rogers, who still builds his coracles by the river side, as did his father before him. Then there was charming Arley, with its picturesque swing ferry motivated by the current of the river as

the ferryman uses the rudder ; the very interesting town of Bridgnorth, with its high and low town linked by cliff railway and its castle, whose tower leans like the Tower of Pisa.

But each has his own memories, garnered as the canoes swept downstream, each chose when and where to land, each recollects the dangers narrowly averted, the great cookings and feedings, and the discomforts which never seem so bad in retrospect. All in all, the journey was most successful and interesting, and every member enjoyed the experience of wandering down one hundred miles of the Welsh Border Country with boat and tent.

J.W.D.

Winter Sports, 1954-5

As we staggered out of the Continental Express on to the cold damp platform at Victoria, we realised that our Swiss holiday was over and destined to survive only as memories. But what memories ! those majestic snow-laden mountains glittering in the pristine clarity of an early morning ; the thrill of the white-cold snow crunching under our heavy boots ; the apprehension of a first run on skis ; our faltering French answered in fluent German, and our faltering German answered in faultless English ; the icy wind rushing past our faces, snatching at our breath and gripping our ears. And Braunwald : more than a village, with its four main hotels interlinked by tortuous, icy paths, and at least half a dozen shops including a ladies' hairdresser ; it also possessed an ice-rink, of which good use was made by many of us.

We were welcomed at our hotel, the Niedershlacht, by the proprietor, Herr Streife, and by Bysher, who, by a strange coincidence, had chosen the same resort and hotel as ourselves. In the afternoon boots and skis were fitted (with the essential linguistic aid of Heppner). The Niedershlacht has its own ski lift, consisting of an overhead cable to which was attached a T-shaped piece of wood on which one tried to balance while sliding on skis up a forty-five degree slope. Needless to say, this proved the first big obstacle for the more adventurous of the beginners ; however, the beginners were more fortunate than their advanced compatriots in having sk-instructors who spoke English.

The only drawback to the weather was that it was too good !—no snow fell during the whole holiday. The surface of the old snow melted in the daytime and froze again at night ; thus the snow "underski" was always very hard and icy making ski-ing more difficult for the beginners and less enjoyable for the more experienced skiers. When we left, a thaw was gradually setting in, which, as we learnt later, was to mar the holidays of thousands of wintersports enthusiasts in Switzerland.

The climax of the holiday proved to be a breathtaking trip on a chair-lift, perilously suspended on a single steel cable that looked quite inadequate. Two at a time we were carried up, dangling over the mountainside, for 2,000 feet. At the top was revealed the magnificent panorama of the whole valley whose

floor was 5,600 feet below. After lunch at the café (which, incidentally, belonged to Herr Streife), the advanced party and Mr. Hewson, under the guidance of their instructor, had a very thrilling run down to Braunwald, while the remainder wistfully returned by chair-lift. By the end of the week, however, the beginners were sufficiently skilled to ascend by the "funi" (a sleigh pulled up the mountainside by cable) and attempt the 865 feet descent from the top assisted by their instructor. The run was full of incident but all finished it safely.

On our last day most of us took ski-ing tests : all the bronze medal candidates were successful, while Lyle, Gardner, Herbert, and also Bysher gained silver medals.

J. RIDGE.

A Channel Crossing with a Difference

On August 21st last year I left France in a small fishing boat at 00.30 hours. Before setting out we had made sure the cases were on board, and that the boat was adequately lit. Slowly we pulled out of the bay between Cape Blanc-Nez and Cape Gris-Nez on a journey we hoped would be over in under sixteen hours.

I was not, as you may have already thought, taking part in a smuggling journey, but acting as an official witness to a Channel swim.

While staying at Wissant, a small village between Calais and Boulogne, I became very friendly with two Channel swimmers, Glen Burlinghame, an American from Chicago, and Murat Guler, a Turk. Glen was training for his fourth attempt to cross the Channel and Murat for his fifth. Each day both swimmers would go out for a five or six hour training swim together and return to a huge meal of steak, chips and a glass of milk.

Glen asked me if I would like to act as one of his witnesses to the swim—each swimmer requires three witnesses other than the crew in order that his swim may be recognised by the Channel Swimming Association. This was, of course, a chance not to be missed, so I accepted at once. Murat left for his attempt on the 15th August and succeeded in just under 16 hours. Glen went with him as a witness and gave considerable help by swimming with Murat for the last three hours to encourage him.

The following Tuesday we were given the "all clear" to go, and we left at 9 p.m. After the most hair-raising twenty minutes of my life, we gave up the attempt when waves began to break right across our 25 ft. open boat. Although Glen lost his deposit on the boat through giving up, we could not help laughing at the incident for the rest of the week.

We began our second attempt on Friday at midnight, ten minutes after Mr. Butlin had started the mass swim—Glen was swimming privately. The next 14 hours 10 minutes were the most amazing hours I have ever spent. On one hand 14 stones of flesh and bone ; on the other, sea water at a temperature of not more than 63°F. Throughout the night we watched Glen continuously. I had

been instructed to give him 4 lumps of cube sugar every half-hour. As time passed, each half-hour seemed longer and Glen appeared to be getting weaker. The temperature of the water at 4 a.m. was 57°. At 6 a.m. things were becoming grim ; Glen brought up his sugar and he would not take any coffee. His stroke became slower and slower and we considered how we would get him back into the boat if need be. Through the early morning mist the sun appeared ; then directly ahead appeared the unmistakable White Cliffs of Dover. We told Glen his goal was in sight. I showed him a large framed picture of his fiancée ; unconsciously he blew her a kiss. Slowly but surely his stroke became faster ; the sun rose into a clear blue sky and the temperature rose to 63°F. The Goodwins were now on our beam and everyone, including Glen, brightened up. He began to talk to us periodically when it was sugar time. We pretended each lump was a different course for lunch. Once I believe he managed to eat a bowl of tomato soup, roast chicken and peas and mince tart.

Although Glen could stand the distance, he could not bear the cold after 12 hours, but slowly we neared the English coastline. At this stage navigation was all important because we had to catch the tide at the correct place. Thanks to the skipper, we arrived at Dover harbour with the tide. Glen landed east of the groin after swimming 14 hours 10 minutes. Successful on his fifth attempt.

His advice to me : " Colin, only fools swim the channel ! "

C. A. HERBERT.

Fifty Years Ago

EXTRACTS FROM "THE SKYLARK", 1905

" The Great Event of the Term must be the making of the road which will ruin our reputation for mud. The Midland Railway has had to pay, and has paid its share ; our Governors . . . paid instantly on demand . . . on Monday, March 23rd, A.D. 1905, wheelbarrows and pickaxes began work. Long life to the Hampstead Borough Works Committee.

N.B. *Westbere Road has recently been entirely reconstructed for the first time since 1905. Ed.*

" We may congratulate a Lower Fourth Form boy aged 13, who had the audacity to enter against ladies and others in a public Competition, when he brought away a pretty silver watch bearing the following engraved inscription—' Gas Light and Coke Company—Presented to Claude Silk—First Prize—Cookery Competition—Grand Hall, Finchley Road—September 1905.

" The Governors have made a grant of £100 for the institution of a Library of standard books and works of reference for the use of Masters and Senior Boys. It will be located in the Board Room that books may be studied quietly and free from interruption.

" Electric trains are one of the most recent developments in facilities for travelling, but we have so quickly got accustomed to them that we no longer take short rides ' just to try them '."

A School Song

AUTUMN, 1903—EXTRACT FROM "THE SKYLARK"

"We are now in the enjoyment of many things, new and old, whose purpose is to aid education and give gratification. We have our School, our Science, Art and Manual Training Laboratories, our Field, Gymnasium and Swimming Bath, our School Motto, Blue Book, and Magazine and a vision of our coming Pavilion. Taxing our inventive powers we may enumerate a few other things which we have not as yet, but of these it is safer to announce one at a time. We have not our School Song—*Carmen, Haberdasicum, Askeanum, Hampstedianum, one or all*—a song to be all our own, to be learned and cherished, and when occasion allows, to be sung by loyal Haberdashers from China to Peru. Who will write it? We should like to insert selected specimens—words only—in our next Magazine, and to invite then a musical setting to follow."

This announcement appeared in the SKYLARK just over fifty years ago. A number of lyrics were submitted but none became firmly established as the School Song. We now, therefore, ask the poets of the present generation to put pen to paper and produce a song that will be sung with gusto by all future Haberdashers.

Entries should be submitted to the editors *before June 30th*. The words of the best entry received will be published in our next issue, and it is hoped a small prize will be available if the song is adopted by the School.

Regrets

by J. RIDGE, 6a Sci.

No more
Do bobbet-tailed rabbits kangaroo through the silky dappled grasses
Where once I lay and dreamed as the clouds blew piebald patterns
over me ;
And the air breathed a spell on its creatures
And the birds swam down the sky
And the cows mooned down the grass-green grasses of their Winter
dreams.

No more
Shall I feel the stream on my feet like a silken caress
And thrill to the cymbaline spray as I sat with bamboo, string and
hook,
While the fish shadowed through the crystal
Like oak-leaves floating down the air,
The rustling water singing through my head.

No more
Shall I hear the blackbirds' dawning hymn to the Sun
While the blood-smudged sky glowed like a deep lake
And swans sighed away to the dark-blue shores, away from the
inching sun ;
And a seagull paused on its way to the sea,
Floating like a soft chord of music, as mysterious as smoke.

George Chazz

by P. B. WRIGHT, *6b Sci.*

(With apologies to W. H. Auden.)

George Chazz was a fidgety babe,
Had tapping feet as a boy,
He loved all his sister's dolls,
A tin trumpet his favourite toy.
He went with his mother to church,
Sang about sounding brass,
Wished they would speed-up the hymn,
Whistled a tune in the mass.
His day-school went to a concert,
They heard Beethoven's Fifth,
George stayed and spoke to a trumpeter,
Talked of the "Added Sixth."
One night he went to Soho,
His mother on his arm,
He heard a jazz band playing,
He stood there, held by charm.
He bought a cheap brass trumpet,
After many hours search,
He polished it up and played some jive,
While his mother went to church.
He shut himself in the bathroom,
And played "O My Papa."
His mother went into a nunnery,
His father took to the bar.
He joined the local jazz band,
His playing was very well known,
He wore his bow-tie inside-out,
Practised in his dressing gown.
One day he had a visitor,
He smoked a large cigar,
"Your one of the best I've heard," he said,
As he drove off in his car.
He played on the television,
He played at a church bazaar,
He played at a Soho night-club,
He was soon a famous star.
A young girl fell in love with him,
"Do you like me, dear," she sighed,
He answered, "That mouthpiece I've just bought,
Is about the best I've tried."
The girl was tired of waiting,
She thought George very slow,
She went and married another,
But she did not tell George so.

He heard about the marriage,
Before a radio show,
He ran from the band and the studio,
For he really loved her so.

He rushed to the Thames Embankment,
Bow-tie the right-way-out,
He looked at the muddy water,
And said, "Here's my way out."

He threw away his trumpet,
And took his final jump,
Yet just as he slid through the waters
He heard Gabriel blow the Last Trump.

The Trawler

by P. LITTLEWOOD, 2(10).

Rocks to starboard, rocks to port,
Oh, a passage must be sought !
Driven from your proper course
By the wind with mighty force,
Struggling through the Arctic Seas,
Far from friendly English quays,
Gallant trawler, battle on !
Soon this dark night will be gone.
Through the black frost though you go,
You will beat that dreaded foe,
Midst the terrifying storm
Heading south to climates warm.

O Summer Sun

by C. F. MUTEAU, 5 (31)

O Summer Sun, O moving trees !
O cheerful human noise, O busy glittering street !
What hour shall Fate in all the future find,
Or what delights, ever to equal these :
Only to taste the warmth, the light, the wind,
Only to be alive, and feel that life is sweet ?

Autumn Leaves

by R. D. PORTA, 2(11)

The autumn leaves were fluttering down
They were green and gold and brown,
They made a carpet on the ground
Of brightly coloured leaves. Around
The trees 'twas inches thick,
And there a child would love to kick
The pile, and send a golden spray
Of leaves, to land not far away.

The Snowman

by G. RIGG, 2(10).

In the morning when I awoke,
The earth was wrapped in snow-white cloak,
I dressed as quickly as I could
Much faster than I thought I should.
I built a snowman tall and fat,
And gave him Daddy's Sunday hat.
His eyes were coal ; his mouth a twig.
How fine he looked, so strong, so big.
Alas, the sun shone bright and clear
And made my snowman disappear.

Jack Frost

by J. A. E. HUNT, 2(10).

When winter winds blow o'er the land,
And old Jack Frost lets loose his hand.
He paints the landscape gleaming white,
While others rest he works by night.
The owl hoots from its watch-tower high
And listens to the wind's reply.
All through the night the moans are heard,
While on the boughs a sleeping bird,
Waits for the morn so strange a sight.
The world has changed just overnight !

Euthanasia

by J. RIDGE, 6a *Sci.*

To sleep, Father William,
In groves of tears,
Where Paradise Mews is Grosvenor Square
And tobacco grows on street-corner trees.
To sleep, I say,
And dream no more of
Saturday's Susie and
Lackadaise Lil.
Think on blackness—
Of endless night,
Where the sombrous web of time
Waits in mimsy-green silences
Like the octopus beckons
From its dusty hole by the side of the road
On the floor of the dusty sea.
To sleep, Father William,
With your tomentose mind
And puppetry face—
(Funeral March of a Marionette).
Worry no more of the mist of tomorrow
That lifts slowly and slowly,
Worry no more !
The rest is . . .
. . . the National Health Scheme !

Boat Club Fête

"A fête worse than death!" was how a certain Australian colleague described our effort, and there were times, before, during, and after the event that I could heartily agree! The whole venture was conceived, planned, and held, in the space of four weeks, and was something quite new to us to organise. Once the appeal had gone out, however, the way the bottles and prizes rolled in was an inspiration. From a trickle of beer, it soon developed into a torrent of whisky and the variety and originality of the donations proved a constant source of astonishment to the staffroom where they were hoarded. It was a moving experience to discover the practical good-will that existed amongst people wholly unconnected with the Club.

Although by dint of brazen and unscrupulous scrounging, the total outlay was only about £2 10s., a wet afternoon would have nullified all our labours, and never have we studied the weather forecasts with more trepidation or scepticism. Fate, however, was kind, and after a frantic morning erecting stalls under threatening skies, we were later blessed with a uniquely fine afternoon.

The first sign that the Fête was warming up was the intermittent sound of shattering crockery from the Crazy Kitchen. Though a sad reflection on the destructive propensity of human nature, it was nevertheless music in our ears, for each disintegrating cup meant a few more coppers for the new boat. Adherents of the Turf were quickly lured to the Mouse Derby, budding R.A.F. National Servicemen tried their hand on the Dive Bomber, whilst shrieks of sadistic laughter testified to the success of the Off Caps Stall, where some game volunteers found their job as human targets wetter than they had bargained for. Admirable salesmanship on the part of the stallholders ensured a brisk trade at all the sideshows, both the traditional and the more unconventional. The seething mass of bargain hunters round the Bottle Stall had to be seen to be believed—by a peculiar stroke of Providence, the most "unusual" bottle fell to the lot of the Padre!

Sufficeth to say that our twenty-odd stalls, devised with so much ingenuity by the boys, all played their part, and when the last coconut fell, we had cleared a profit, within about two hours, of £250 4s. 8d. (with all expenses paid).

It is flattering to be commended on one's acumen in requiring a sum as big as £200, and realising it "just like that", but in all fairness we should confess that to the bitter end we had no idea whether we would clear £2, £20 or £200. But for the overwhelmingly generous support of countless parents and firms, our lowest estimate could have been the final result. To those who then owed the Club nothing, the Club now owes a debt of gratitude it can best repay by making the new VIII's career worthy of its many shareholders.

J. B.

The Boat Club Revue

Following closely upon their successful fete, the latest venture of the School's *enfants terribles* has been the staging of a revue. We are tempted to think that this organisation of money-spinning activities betokens some inherent cupidity in oarsmen. As we were informed during the performance, the members of the 1st VIII did not take a Mediterranean cruise on the proceeds of the fête ; they bought a new shell. We understand that the profits from the revue will be used to buy oars.

"Easy All," as the programme quite unnecessarily informed us, was not written by Ibsen. Making enquiries it was difficult to ascertain exactly who did write it. The general impression we gathered was that it spontaneously evolved, the determinism being assisted by Ryan, Clark and Langmead and curtailed by the producer who realised the gravity of libel and sedition. The musical sources were traditional and modern, skillfully adapted with well-tailored words, both satirical and solemn. The libretto bore a striking resemblance in style to certain Boat Club notices signed "J.B.". Routley is to be congratulated upon the composition of the catchy opening number, "Easy All", also upon his lively playing of this and the rest of the music. Assisted by Tappin on an assortment of timpani, he shouldered the burden of the evening's music (an important item in a revue), deprived of the rest of the orchestra by an untimely epidemic of influenza.

As for the individual items, lack of space precludes mention of them all. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly Messrs. MacNair and Keevil's duet in "The Staff on Show". Bescarved and becappped, straight from the towpath, they gave us a spirited rendering of a coach's credo, "We make them row". They certainly made the audience laugh and demand an encore.

Running a close second was the sketch "Sisters", in which Clark and Nash achieved a brilliant burlesque of the transatlantic song and dance routine. Even their facial gestures were clever mimicry. This same pair together with Chapman put on a successful Knockabout sketch called "We're three Haberdashers".

Growing bodies are a problem on the stage, tending to look awkward, but Musk and Price deliberately exploited theirs in presenting the results of their researches into Egyptian civilization with an authentic reproduction of a Sand Dance. This was a really competent piece of visual humour.

Baker, as Professor Rudersport, displayed powers we had not hitherto associated with him in his convincing demonstration of mind reading.

Adams gave us a pleasant harmonica recital.

However, the outstanding individual performance of the evening came undoubtedly from Ryan. Apart from creating the

music for the Sand Dance, on his first appearance he proved himself a minor trumpet virtuoso with two excerpts from Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. In the second half we saw the reverse of the medal. Blandly self assured, aided by a mellifluous voice, he gave us the results of his white paper on homework in "Is Prep Necessary?" With a fine sense of timing he fearlessly exposed the shortcomings of the homework system.

Hurrah for Merrie England! Our native dancing was not forgotten. The elder brethren of the club, who are also members of the Naval Section of C.C.F., gave us a spirited hornpipe. Strains of the music of the village green accompanied the Durham Sword Dance which was a miracle of achievement; the intricate sequences are in themselves difficult without having to cope with a small stage.

Finally, the Goon Show must be mentioned. If this item had been a mere copy of a B.B.C. programme it would have been reprehensible plagiarism, but Vane, Morton and Fewkes made three quite plausible, original and versatile "Goons."

One of the things which makes or mars a revue—the continuity—was admirably maintained. We were not kept waiting between scenes and where a change of scenery was required it was well covered up by a short item, such as Fewkes's sublimely nonchalant eating of an apple. "Our School Song" (revised Boat Club version) was sung with a deadpan seriousness which did credit to those who kept straight faces.

Clever use of lighting made up for deficiencies in the decor.

If it had been realised from the start how many parents were going to support this venture, more attempt might have been made to broaden the rather narrow field of scholastic humour. Poking fun at School institutions has only a second-hand significance for parents, although it is admittedly rattling fun for present inmates. There are, however, many national institutions and quirks which could have been satirised. Another slight criticism is that there were sometimes too many on the stage. On a smallish stage such as ours, overcrowding is a major problem. Intimacy, too, not the presentation of crowd scenes, should be the keynote of a revue.

With all its minor blemishes this revue was a very enjoyable entertainment. It had some good solid material which was put over in a pleasant and convincing fashion. It had bubble and enthusiasm. Mr. Browning and Mr. Lear, together with the whole cast, deserve sincere congratulations for their magnificent efforts.

M. A. P.

“ An Enemy of the People ”

In choosing to present Ibsen's "Enemy of the People", the Dramatic Society this year set themselves an unusual and, in many ways, hazardous enterprise. A "problem" play of this type, with little wit or humour, and with none of the word-magic of the Elizabethan classics, depends for its success very largely on sheer acting and production; that is, on the extent to which audiences can be persuaded to believe in the characters and situations presented. It also means a great deal more work for stage designers, scenery builders, property men, and the costume department. It is, therefore, very pleasant to be able to record that this play can well be regarded as one of the Dramatic Society's most notable triumphs. Although by no means one of this dramatist's best plays, it provided a powerful evening's entertainment, amply meriting the verdict of the *Times* correspondent that this was a "skilful, lively and fluent production."

Although the play was written some eighty years ago, it is built round an "evergreen" theme, which the producer, by using a translation into modern English and by dressing the play in a contemporary manner, was able to bring out most effectively. As the programme note explained, "it is a plea for that freedom to express the truth, however unpleasant, which democracy should guarantee, and a salutary reminder that the majority is not always right."

In the part of Dr. Stockman, the altruistic but impetuous M.O.H. who discovers that the town's water supply is contaminated and then comes into conflict with local vested interests, M. A. Phillips made a very attractive attempt. His voice and stage presence are both above the average, which makes it perhaps the more regrettable that his work on this admittedly exacting part was not quite so thorough as it could have been.

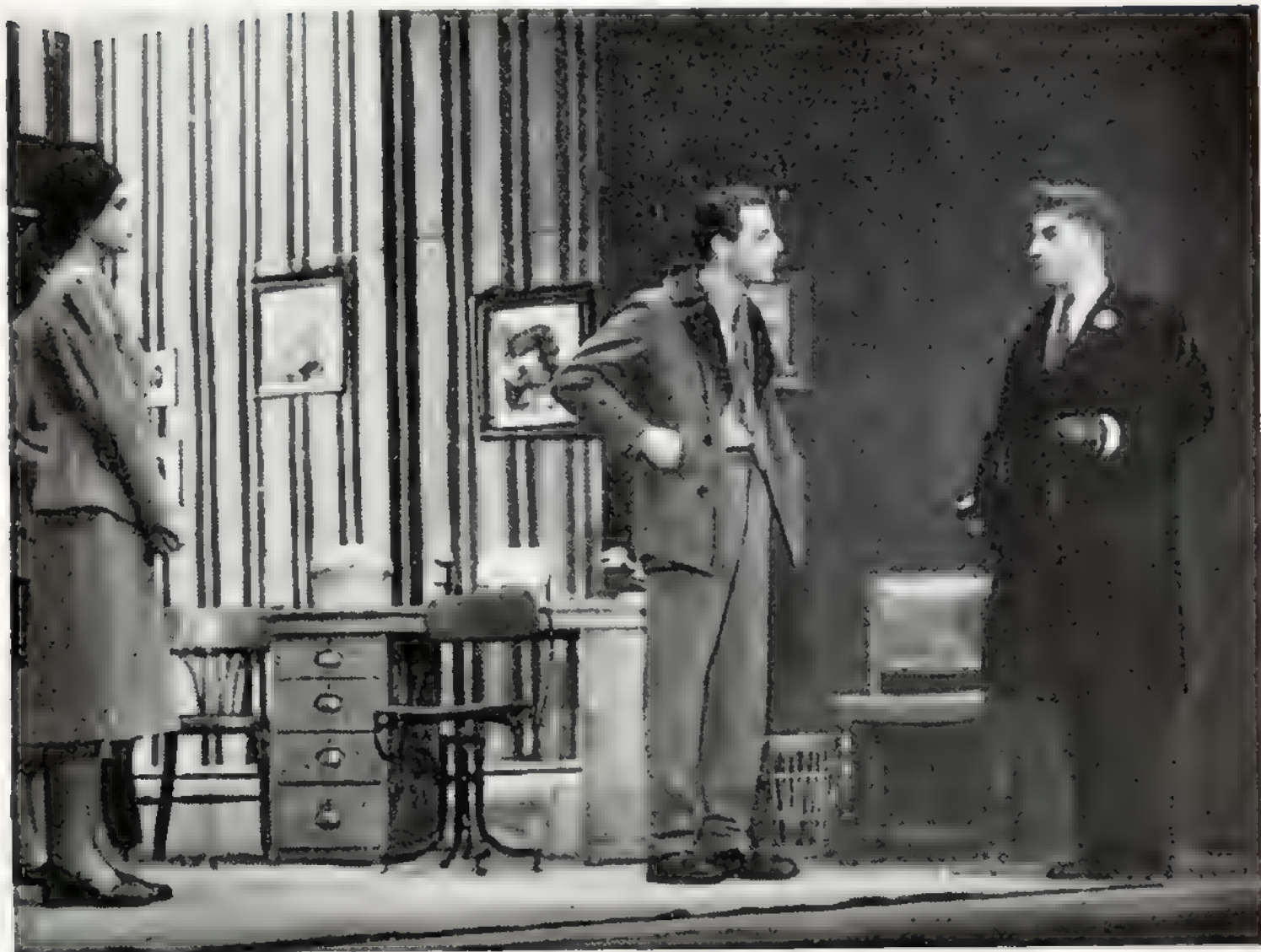
A model of judgment and efficiency was the performance of the Mayor, Peter Stockman, by P. Oppenheimer, whose carefully studied intonation, movement and gesture easily compensated for his rather slight build and youthful voice.

Some of the most assured and carefully timed acting in the production was contributed by D. Goldman, as Hovstad the journalist. He is one of the most versatile and promising members of the society, but must guard against an occasional tendency to inaudibility.

L. Brittan, as Aslaksen, the Chairman of the Ratepayers' Association, also produced some bold effective acting. He made very good use of his voice, never wasting a word, but needs to be a little more flexible in movement and gesture.

It can be said that all the other actors made their smaller contributions convincingly, from the old man, Morten Kiel, to

"AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE"



Left to right: Petra (J. LITTLEWOOD), Dr. Stockmann (M. A. PHILLIPS) and Peter Stockmann (P. M. OPPENHEIMER)



Billing (L. G. BEDDISON) and Hovstad (D. GOLDMAN)

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SCHOOL'S NEW CLINKER BOAT



COL. BULL LAUNCHES THE "P. C. BULL".

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA



Standing: Conductor: DR. E. McLELLAN. Leader: MR. PIPER

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the two young sons, Eilif and Morten. There were some very pleasant moments, especially in the performance of R. W. Thompson, as Mrs. Stockman. One of the most stirring scenes of the play is the meeting of citizens in Act IV, where it was a great delight to see the controlled way in which the disorderly mob behaved itself in a completely unrestrained way !

In considering the success of a play, however, there is more to be appraised than the individual performances of the actors and this account would not be complete without congratulating the producer, Mr. W. A. Nicholas, on the intelligent speaking of the whole cast, the variety of tempo, the effective contrast of actor with actor, and of scene with scene, that prevented the play from ever becoming dull or mechanical.

The society is also greatly indebted to Mr. McNair and all who helped in the costuming of the play, a task which is incredibly difficult when none of the costumes is going to be produced out of a hamper on the eve of the Dress Rehearsal.

CAST

Mrs. Stockman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	R. W. Thompson
Billing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	L. G. Beddison
Peter Stockman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	P. Oppenheimer
Hovstad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	D. Goldman
Doctor Stockman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M. A. Phillips
Captain Horster	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M. J. Ive
Eilif	}	the Doctor's sons					A. D. Ritchie
Morten							M. J. B. Gray
Petra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. Littlewood
Morten Kiel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M. J. Vane
Aslaksen	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	L. Brittan

Citizens: A. K. Allen, C. J. Lyden, G. J. B. Benfield, D. G. Bancroft, P. Warwick, M. J. Hutton, L. Goldstone, M. J. Soldan, D. Fitzgerald, M. C. Marre, M. T. Collins.

BACKSTAGE

Producer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	W. A. Nicholas, Esq.
Stage Adviser	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. W. Lear, Esq.
Stage Manager	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	H. L. B. Moody, Esq.
Assistant Stage Manager	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	R. W. Goldthorpe
Business Manager	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	T. L. Sanderson, Esq.
Scenery designed by	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	A. Szmidla
Painted by	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	M. D. Kustow, W. McInnes, J. Leff
Stage hands, and scenery made by	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. W. Felton, I. H. Beach, P. J. Creed, M. Tappin, D. M. Shewry
Lighting	.....	.....	A. P. Rouse, Esq.,	M. L. James,	R. B. Lyle,	N. D. Hatfield	
Properties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	R. Farrand,	J. M. Flowers
Costumes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. McNair, Esq.,	A. Mushin
Make-up	.....	J. W. Lear, Esq.,	A. G. Richardson,	B. P. Fitzgerald,	D. B. Shorn,	S. P. Chalfen and others	
Prompter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. R. Pinnells	
Call Boy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	R. B. Lock	

The producer wishes to express his grateful thanks to all others, who have given or offered help.

Correspondence

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

It would be difficult to say what was uppermost in people's thoughts at this time of year.

College sportsmen are now in earnest training and thinking ahead to the Lent Bumping Races or the various "Cuppers" (Inter-College Competitions in rugger, soccer, hockey, athletics, etc., and fought out with no less ferocity and zeal than perhaps Twickenham itself) whilst University sportsmen must put first in their minds the thought of "That Blue". For those who think they have a chance of getting a "First" in this summer's examinations, the progress of work is the top priority; for active society members it may well be the next meeting, be it religious, political, social or cultural, be it a debate or what-you-will; for actors, musicians, performers in revue, it is probably the show or the concert; for some it is the next party (or the one the night before), for some the F.A. Cup; for some the 'flu, and so on.

One simply cannot tell because first, there is no one "Cambridge Type" of person, and, secondly, if anyone tried to classify us into types they would probably need almost as many categories as there are people to fit into them! However, speaking for most third-year people, I think it would be true to say that, whatever may be uppermost in our minds, lurking in there somewhere are two things: one, the thought of Tripos in a few all too short months' time, and, two, the thought of what we are going to do, or hoping to do, when we go down.

A large number of people, of course, have their National Service still to do, but what of the rest? Some are going in for teaching and of these most will undertake a fourth year, spent in one of the Universities' Education Departments; some will proceed to academic research either here or at another university; "medics" will go to hospitals, ordinands to theological colleges, scientists and engineers to industry and industrial research; some will be off to positions abroad; some to jobs arranged for them, but for many the next step is less obvious. A man may seek a job as a historian, modern linguist, mathematician (or whatever he happens to be qualified in), or as a man who has received a University education, the exact subject of which is not directly relevant to the job, but whose experience and development received in the University are likely to be useful. The latter "job-hunters" are classified under the broad title of "Arts Graduates", and the University Appointments Board places over 200 Arts Graduates yearly in such varied fields as Oil, Textiles, Manufacturing Industries, Insurance, Journalism, Advertising, etc.

Time flies by like the wind, and it's difficult to realise that nearly two-and-a-half years have passed since we first came up; but so much has happened in that short space of time! Most of us feel, I'm sure, that Cambridge has given us something, something that is well-worth having and keeping; it is a rich experience indeed to have been here. Do not hesitate to come if you can!

G. B. JONES.

OXFORD LETTER

St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Whilst travelling between lectures, I have discovered but three Old Haberdashers from Hampstead. They are C. P. ELLIOTT who is still swimming very well; R. A. GREEN, who, though in his last year, seems to spend most of his time in one of the "Women's Colleges"; the last I met was M. J. KEEN and I discovered him in the middle of a loose scrum. As a point of interest, there are three Haberdashers' Schools' Captains from the year 1951-52 at St. Edmund Hall in their first year. They are Forbes of Hatcham, Lewis of Monmouth and myself.

This letter is generally a happy and witty one, but I would like to strike rather a serious note. Many of you will be completing your School career next term and will then be going into one of the Services before coming up to College. From bitter experience I advise you to attempt to do some studying during your National Service. I regret to say that I didn't; and last term was a long up-hill struggle for me. I also warn you against building up magnificent dreams of University life, because your illusions will only be shattered. In the Forces you will think of University as a haven of tranquility; but when you come up, you will be meeting the oddest mixture of people to exist in Britain today. You will meet the play-boy, the scholar, the athlete, the unscrupulous society climber, the coquettish undergradette—but then you will be a man by now and will be able to cope admirably with these types.

From this it would seem that life at Oxford is very unpleasant and far from enjoyable. I must deny this. If you are sensible and mix work, sport and social life in proportion, you can enjoy yourself immensely and make your three years up here, one of the best periods of your life.

I started this letter by stating that I had met only three O.H.'s up here, and this sparsity of talent from Westbere Road is rather alarming. I hope that by the time of the SKYLARK's next publication there will be a large colony of Hampstead men in residence.

In conclusion, I should like to wish the School, the Masters and Pupils every success throughout the current year.

G. B. MORRISON.

Examination Results

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board

ADVANCED LEVEL

SUMMER, 1954

The following boys passed in two or more main subjects:—

E. R. Bastin, *F. L. Gardner, *H. Rosenstock, G. Battson, *A. Beck, B. A. Boyers, R. Howell, F. J. Kent, *M. J. Lewis, E. O'H. McInnes, D. J. McLaren, B. G. L. Mansbridge, R. M. Milligan, *M. F. Neale, W. D. M. Oeters, C. R. Powell, K. A. Thompson, M. W. Boulton, M. A. Fuller, D. Kealey, J. M. Kellett, R. M. Kipps, *C. A. Lang, E. L. Littauer, *E. J. O'Brien, A. J. Pangalos, N. R. Read, J. H. Routley, S. Sebba, P. E. Secker, B. K. Sen Gupta, *G. F. W. Smith, J. W. Snell, R. M. Ullmann, *D. A. Brown, C. Bryant, *H. Haverfield, R. B. Jones, J. C. Lord, C. B. Perkins, M. Sarner, P. F. Spencer.

**With distinction in at least one subject.*

The following boys passed in one main subject. Where passes at O or AO level have been obtained, the number is shown in brackets after the name.

M. A. Phillips (1), N. J. P. Readman, R. S. Shashoua, A. E. Shrimpton (1), A. M. Barrow (1), A. J. Bryant (1), A. Snowman (2), A. M. Boxer, H. E. Couch, N. J. Godman (1),

ORDINARY LEVEL

The number of subjects in which a boy has passed is given in brackets after his name.

E. L. Littauer (1), R. A. Thompson (1), D. V. Alford (2), A. K. Allen (5), C. G. Allen (1), G. H. Arnold (3), M. Ashford (3), S. B. Aust (1), J. E. Baker (1), D. G. Bancroft (1), K. F. Banham (2), B. M. Barber (4), J. C. Barker (3), R. A. Barnes (2), I. H. Beach (3), L. G. Beddison (1), R. C. Berkeley (5), C. M. Bishop (4), R. G. Blount (2), M. R. Boatman (4), A. J. Bowen (1), C. W. Bradford (9), P. A. Brawand (1), L. Brittan (9), A. G. Brown (2), R. W. Brown (7), D. L. Buckle (7), G. A. Butler (2), R. J. Butlin (1), C. L. Byerley (4), P. Bysher (1), M. A. Carmody (6), D. G. Carter (2), J. R. Catford (3), D. G. Chapman (1), R. W. Charles (3), D. C. Clark (6), B. G. Cohen (7), P. S. Cohen (2), J. B. Cole (4), M. T. Collins (3), N. M. Cooper (3), R. L. Cornford (2), M. J. Croft (3), P. Cummins (1), D. W. Curtis (4), A. M. Cushnir (5), B. S. Davies (1), K. L. Davies (5), J. M. Deaner (1), M. G. Dichlian (1), N. D. Dombey (10), A. P. Dorman (6), P. S. D. Dorner (8), A. W. Drewry (6), P. J. Egan (5), C. N. Ellacott (2), C. M. Evans (5), R. J. Fairley (6), J. T. Farrand (1), R. J. Farrand (6), D. J. Fawcett (1), A. J. Fewkes (1), C. J. Fielder (3), R. K. Fisk (4), B. P. Fitzgerald (7), K. A. Flatto (1), J. M. Flowers (3), J. D. Fox (1), M. W. Fredman (1), A. E. Fuller (6), B. M. Gaunt (8), N. D. Geer (3), J. P. Glass (2), J. Gleeson (3), A. H. Goad (3), M. J. Godfrey (3), D. Goldman (4), R. W. G. Goldthorpe (1), D. Goodman (7), T. Goodman (1), D. W. Grimes (1), I. Hampshire (1), N. D. Hatfield (4), M. Heppner (1), C. A. Herbert (2), R. W. Hesselberger (3), D. M. Higgs (1), C. J. Hingley (1), J. M. Hoare (1), B. J. Hodgkinson (8), J. J. Holland (3), B. D. Horne (3), R. H. J. Hoskin (1), A. S. Hudson (4), M. Hughes (2), R. J. Humby (3), E. D. Humphrey (1), M. R. Hunt (7), I. D. Irving (2), J. R. Irwin (1), M. J. Ive (1), P. W. Ives (1), G. Jacobsen (6), M. R. Jarman (3), J. P. Jarritt (3), J. A. R. Jeffers (2), L. B. Joseph (6), M. J. Keen (6), A. C. Langmead (8), J. P. Lansdell (6), M. F. Layland (5), J. P. Leff (1), W. S. Leigh (2), R. H. Leverton (7), M. Lewis (4), P. Lewis (1), B. R. Lincoln (8), M. G. Lingood (4), L. Loh (7), T. Long (5), R. B. Lyle (2), K. A. McLaren (3), A. D. Marks (1), D. Marlborough (6), D. Matear (2), K. May (5), J. S. Mercer (3), B. D. Michael (1), P. W. Mitchell (9), A. E. Morris (1), C. W. Morton (2), J. Munday (1), A. S. Mushin (2), R. G. Mussared (2), C. F. Muteau (1), B. Nash (1), A. P. Nelkon (6), B. Newton (3), L. D. Nice (1), G. K. Ogden (6), C. I. Ohrenstein (4), D. Oliver (1), C. Packman (1), C. Page (1), R. J. Pannell (1), D. H. Pardey (6), J. Parker (5), N. Parker (3), J. N. Pay (1), D. R. Pearce (8), A. P. Pearson (1), J. R. Pinnells (7), C. D. Price (3), J. Pringle (1), R. Pringle (4), H. G. Purchase (1), G. A. Raley (2),

J. H. R. Edington (5), N. Reilly (3), D. J. Restrict (5), J. H. Riccalton (4), C. Ridge (7), M. J. Robinson (8), M. Rose (2), S. P. Rose (4), M. G. Rothwell (3), E. M. Rutter (2), M. C. Ryan (1), G. W. Salmon (2), D. Sartain (4), D. J. Saville (8), I. D. Scofield (5), I. Sebba (8), C. H. Shankland (3), S. Shashoua (1), B. M. Shaw (3), D. M. Shewry (1), J. K. Sholl (1), C. C. Slade (1), A. J. Sluce (5), D. Smith (6), M. Smith (6), A. C. Solomons (7), C. N. Stacey (4), B. A. Stark (3), A. D. Start (2), R. N. Stephens (7), C. V. Stern (1), P. Stewart (4), P. J. Stoddard (7), P. S. Summers (1), M. D. Sykes (6), A. Szmidla (4), N. Tappin (1), M. J. Tarlow (7), D. W. Taylor (4), G. Thompson (8), R. W. Thompson (2), C. R. Treleaven (8), L. A. Usiskin (6), P. J. S. Vacher (1), J. A. Vogler (6), D. Walker (8), D. Walshe (1), D. J. L. Ward (6), M. Warren (2), P. E. Warwick (4), D. Webster (7), J. G. Wesson (7), P. J. Weston (3), G. T. Wheal (1), M. S. White (7), R. F. White (3), G. Whittam (2), J. L. Wigzell (7), R. Wilde (2), D. A. Wildman (2), B. J. Willcocks (2), G. J. Willment (3), A. A. G. Woodford (6), B. L. Worth (8), P. B. Wright (2), M. D. Yeadon (2), R. F. Youngman (3), B. C. Bailey (1), E. T. Neal (1), B. S. Smith (1).

DECEMBER, 1954

D. V. Alford (2), A. K. Allen (1), C. G. Allen (2), A. C. Austin (1), J. E. Baker (3), J. C. Barker (1), R. A. Barnes (2), R. G. Blount (2), B. R. Boatman (1), P. A. Brawand (1), A. G. Brice (1), C. L. Byerley (1), P. A. Bysher (1), M. A. Carmody (1), J. R. Catford (1), R. W. Charles (1), C. D. Clark (1), H. J. Clifford (1), M. T. Collins (1), N. M. Cooper (2), A. E. Curtis (2), A. M. Cushnir (1), K. L. Davies (1), R. B. T. Donald (1), A. P. Dorman (1), P. S. Dorner (1), A. W. Drewry (1), C. N. Ellacott (5), C. Evans (1), A. J. Fewkes (4), J. M. Flowers (1), M. W. Fredman (1), J. P. Glass (3), J. Gleeson (1), H. J. Godfrey (2), D. C. Goodman (1), F. R. Goodman (2), R. S. Handscombe (1), N. D. Hatfield (1), A. A. Hersey (4), A. S. Hudson (2), M. R. Hunt (1), M. J. Hutton (2), P. W. G. Ives (2), M. R. Jarman (1), F. J. Kent (2), E. R. S. Landau (2), M. J. Long (1), D. J. Mackeggie (3), J. B. Mannings (1), K. F. May (1), C. J. Musk (1), B. Newton (3), L. D. Nice (1), G. K. Ogden (1), D. A. Oliver (1), J. R. Parker (1), J. W. Pringle (1), R. B. Pringle (2), H. G. Purchase (2), G. W. Salmon (1), D. Sartain (1), B. M. Shaw (2), J. K. Sholl (3), C. C. Slade (1), A. J. A. Sluce (1), D. J. Smith (1), A. C. Solomons (1), C. N. Stacey (2), B. A. Stark (1), R. Stewart (1), A. Szmidla (1), D. W. Taylor (1), R. W. Thompson (3), P. E. Warwick (1), J. G. Wesson (1), G. Whittam (4), R. Wilde (1), D. A. Wildman (1), G. J. A. Willment (1), M. D. Yeadon (1), S. G. Theodorou (1), J. A. R. Jeffers (1), R. G. Mussared (1), R. F. White (1).

1954 Totals: Scholarship Level Distinctions 17.

Advanced Level Subject Passes 112.

Ordinary Level Subject Passes 990.

Our Contemporaries

We beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omission:—Albanian, Askean, Aldenhamian, Bancroftian, Berkhamstedian, Brightonian, Caterham School Magazine, City of London School Magazine, Cholmleyan, Copthall County Grammar School Magazine, Edmundian, Elysian, Elizabethan, Elthamian Exonian, Fettesian, Gaytonian, Georgian, Haberdashers' Aske's Acton School Magazine, Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Girls School Magazine, King's College School Magazine, Laxtonian, Latymerian, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, Monmothian, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Novaportan, Olavian, Pelican, Portcullis, St. Dunstan's College Chronicle, South Hampstead High School Magazine, Sulian, Taylorian, The Hall Magazine, The Wish Stream, Tollingtonian.

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VIA MODERN—Bastin, E. R., Beck, A., Collombin, B., Farrand, J. T., Gardner, F. L., Hall, A., Jones, J. T., McInnes, E. O., Mansbridge, B. G. L., Milligan, R. N., Oeters, W. D. M., Powell, G. R., Pringle, M. J., Readman, N. J. P., Rosenstock, H., Scruton, L. E., Shashoua, R. S., Shrimpton, A. E. J.

VIB MODERN—Cedar, N. C., Fraiman, B. M., Hampshire, I., Hedges, P. J., Hughes, M., Leigh, W. S., Munday, J. L., Rose, M. P., Rutter, G. M., Walker, J. G.

VIA SCIENCE—Barrow, A. M., Boulton, M. W., Brown, D. A., Bryant, A. J., Couch, H. E., Goad, J. N., Gross, W. A. G., Haverfield, H., Jones, R. B., Kaulins, A., Kellett, J. M., Littauer, E. L., Pangalos, A. J., Perkins, C. B., Rogers, G. D., Sarner, M., Sebba, S. S., Secker, P. E., Sen-Gupta, B. K., Smith, G. F. W., Spencer, P. F., Supran, L. D. L., Ullmann, R. M., White, W. I.

VIB SCIENCE—Butlin, R. J., Fawcett, D. J., Fisk, R. K., Irwin, J. R., Jarritt, P. J., Matear, D., Pannell, R. J., Russell, D. E., Summers, P. S., Willcock, P. G., Willcocks, B. J.

V MODERN—Horne, B. D., Joseph, L. B., Ward, P., Worth, B. L.

V SCIENCE—Hoskin, R. H. J., Layland, M. F., White, R. F.

VA—Buckle, D. L., Cummins, C. M., Fielder, C. J., Grimes, D. W., Groom, A. J. F., Higgs, D. M., Jeffers, J. A. R., Stark, A. G., Walshe, B. D.

VB—Cornford, R. L., Irving, I. D., Mussared, R. G., Stern, C. V., Warren, M.

VX—Keen, I. D.

VY—Carter, C. I., Page, C. A. J.

IVs—Jain, R. P.

IVB—Dyson, A. W. R., Wilson, D. G.

IIIIs—Lindsay, M. J.

IIA—Novy, M. P.

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